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the Union flag will fly, for the first time, at half-mast from Buckingham Palace during the Princess's funeral.

5pm Princes Andrew and Edward walk among

mourners in The Mall after

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The Queen bows to her subjects

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 1997

The Oueen will today broadcast to the nation her grief over the loss of Diana, Princess of Wales, as the Royal Family bowed to public criticism over their behaviour since Suoday's tragic

Although Palace officials insisted that the decision for the Queen to appear on television was one of many options "un-der discussion" all week, it came just hours after a mund of criticism from the public and politicians via the media about their absence from the scenes of deep mourning at Londoo palaces.

On an extraordinary day, the Palace responded to the criticisms made of it one by one, an appareot admission of the its slowness to react to the outpouring of national grief. At the same time, the House of Windsor showed how stung it was in a statement issued by the Queen's press secretary Geoffrey Crawford. He said oo television: "The Royal Family have been hurt by suggestions that they are indifferent to the country's sorrow at the tragic death

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of the Princess of Wales." The concessions came thick and fast. In breach with Royal precedent, it was announced that tomorrow the Umon flag will fly from Buckingham Palace. at half mast after the Queen has left for the funeral service at-Westminster Abbey. This meets. the growing chorus of demands from many ordinary people who have complained that there has been no flag at all. Tradi-, oddy the Royal Stai dard is flown - and then only. when the Queen is resident. -

Later, Prince Charles appeared outside Balmoral with William and Harry, as they inspected floral tributes left by public; an appareot reaction to allegations of aloofness aimed. at the family. As the young her brother, Earl Spencer, and princes read the messages, the Queen stood apart from the rest

of the royal party.

Meanwhile, Princes Andrew and Edward flew to London yesterday and staged a walkabout among mourners, countering complaints that the Royals have remained bunkered inside their Balmoral retreat while outside the nation grieves.

The Queen has also abandoned plans to take the Royal Train overnight from Balmoral and will fly to London today to prepare her broadcast - in time for the evening oews bulletins and then stay at Buckingham Palace. It is possible she could then pay her respects at Diana's coffin in the Royal Chapel and walk among the many mourners queuing at St James's Palace to sign books of condolence.

The establishmeot moved quickly yesterday to back the Palace, an acknowledgement that the raw emotion of the past days has threatened to cause lasting damage to the monarchy. But eveo the choice of Mr Blair's phrase of Diana as the "people's princess" raised the question in some people's mind of what this said about the status of the other Royals in the public's affections.

A sign of the massive grief is the prediction last eight by Scaland Yard that up to six mil-

The clamour

2 September Trisa't practical to lengthen the route without drastically extending the day". The Palace, responding to RAC calls for the route to be exdended .

"If the public is no longer impressed by stiff upper lips, by pushing grief stricken boys into sults and sending there off to a church service where their mother is not even mentioned; if the future king cannot even put his arm around his young

September -Speak to Us Ma'am" The

Mourners call for the Queen to lead our grief the

lien people will crowd into cenu London for the funeral

active part in Diana's funeral-service at Westminster Abbey,

Diana's sisters will each read poems, while the Prime Minister will give a reading from the bible. The choice of participants - which came after "discus-

sions" between the two families - clearly reflects a bias towards Diana as a Spencer and ambassador for Britain rather than

Diana 1961-1997 More emotion, less

Biggest crowd-control operation ever Ritz could face charges In defence of Charles Suzanne Moore

The part Blair played Why I'm not interested: Sara Maitiand

There was elso surprise in some quaricus that no member of the Royal Family will take an details of which were released

The tribute will be read by

ceremony.

3 September Palace doubles length of route of procession

sons, then what and whom is it all for?" Suzanne Moora, The Independent 'A sea of flowers the band? plays... but no flag flies". the Sun

Your People are Suffering.

Conservative leader William Hague said: Please, let us all cism of the Royal Family. Sat-

In a joint statement, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York said: "We believe this is a Diana's life and in sympathy with those most closely affect-

Reaction to the Royal oews was mixed among mourners outside St James's Palace. Legal secretary Mavis Daldy, from London, said: "I feel she's been pushed into making a statement. John Bradley, from Devon, said: "It's about time. In my opinion, it's a disgrace they've

kept quiet for so long."

Andrea Lean, from Liverpool, said: "I'm glad. I just wonder why its taken them so

A Palace spokesman denied any suggested of a "knee-jerk" reaction by the Royal Family.

ly behind the Windsors came yesterday as politicians and chirch leaders aged the end of public criticism.

come together now and stop converting our grief into critiurday's funeral should be a dignified, united expression of national sorrow." Tony Blair has already made public his support for Prince Charles and others in the family.

time for us all to come together - in our grief, in thanks for

ed by this tragedy."

A Lambeth Palace spokes woman said one of the reasons for the statement was that "the archbishops are urging that this is a time for unity, as they have thought that the tendency to criticise the Royal Family is not helpful for the Princes William and Harry at this sad time."

long. They must know how people feel."

In their first public appearance since Sunday, Prince Harry, Prince William, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and the Queen inspect floral tributes when they attended a special service for Diana, Princess of Wales, at Crathie church, near Balmoral, yesterday afternoon Photograph: Derek Ironside

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Funeral rebuff for the tabloid editors

Media Correspondent

Earl Spencer, the Princess of Wales's brother, has taken his revenge oo the tabloid news-papers he blamed for his sister's death by barring their editors from Saturday's funeral.

The editors of the tahloid press were originally invited along with the editors of broadsheet oewspapers by the Lord Chancellor's office. Once he learnt of the invitations. Lord Spencer called the tabloid editors personally to tell them they were no longer welcome. Buckingham Palace refused

to Earl Spencer's home at Al-thorp, saying that he was in control of who attends.

In a prepared statement, a spokeswoman for Lord Spencer said: "Lord Spencer has per-sonally asked the tabloid editors not to come, because he and his sisters, particularly Diana, would not have wished them to be there. They have kindly agreed to the request, although broadsheet and regional papers

are welcome." Immediately he heard of his sister's death, Earl Spencer accused every editor who had bought paparazzi pictures of his oot attend as a "matte sister of having "hlood oo their spect" to the Princess.

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long-running battle with the tabloids over their intrusion into his privacy and moved to South Africa to escape their

attention.

when one oewspaper printed photographs taken with a long lens of his theo wife when she was being treated for an eating disorder in a private clinic. Stuart Higgins, editor of the

Sun, said yesterday that he had been surprised and honoured to have been invited to the funeral, but was happy to respect the Earl's wishes that he oot attend as a "matter of re-

heavy fighting and be unlikely to stop suicide bombers. Israel has reimposed a total to create an environment that closure on Gaza and the occuleaves no doubt that terror will nied territories. This had begun to be lifted this week after the last bombing.
Ahmed Abdel Rahman, the

Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, returned secretary of Mr Agafat's cabinet, yesterday denounced the explosions. "The Palestinian people are against terrorism against civilians ... and we will investigate to see who is behind it," he

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Eight die in Jerusalem suicide bombing

Patrick Cockburn Jerusalem

Suicide hombers strock in Jerusalem again yesterday killing themselves and five other people, and wounding more than 100 as they sat in pavement cafés and shopped in a pedes-triao street in the city centre.

Hamas, the Islamic militant organisation, claimed in a fax to the French news agency AFP that its military wing, the lzzedine al-Qassem brigades, had carried out the attack. It said it

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members imprisoned by Israel by 14 December. Three suicide bombers blew

themselves up, ooe after an-other, near the Atara cafe in Ben Yehuda a street always crowded at mid-afternoon.

I was driving down King George Street, which passes the end of Ben Yehuda, as the first explosions went off. Almost immediately the less seriously burt appeared, looking shocked. and dabbing at wounds. A few minutes later police fact that relations between

Education doubt

The Government's emphasis on education will not lead to the country's increased economic performance, according to a

ed from the scene and laid them on the pavement. Many were half-naked, their clothes torn off by the force of the blast.

Heavily armed paratroopers ripped open rubbish bins in case one contained a fourth bomb. used seemed to be the same type as those used in an attack which killed 15 people in a food

The police said the explosives. market 300 yards away from Ben Yehuda on 30 July.

The bombs underline the

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wanted the release of all its and soldiers carried the wound. Palestinians and Israelis are Middle East tour. He again more hostile than at any time called on Yasser Arafat's Palessince the Oslo accords were signed in 1993. They also deepen the sense

of crisis in the lead-up to the visit to Israel oext week by Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State. In Washington, President Bill Clinton said: "It is clear the perpetra-tors of this attack intended to kill both innocent people and the peace process itself."

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yesterday to Jerusalem to convene his security cabinet. He will be under pressure to re-enter the autonomous Palestinian enclaves to arrest Hamas members. This is likely to be resisted He said Ms Albright would

not be tolerated".

by the Israeli army on the grounds that it would cause Concise crossword . .22 Radio & TV23,24

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significant shorts

Police make arrests over fatal Brecon blast

Police investigating an explosion at a house in Brecon on Monday night which killed one man and seriously injured another, made a number of arrests yesterday.

A Dyfed-Powys police spokesman said: "Those arrested all have close associations with the Brecon area." He declined to say how many were being questioned at police stations to the force area. Forensic experts were continuing to sift through the wreckage of the house to Dorglas, an estate about 400 yards from Brecon Barracks, the headquarters of the Army in Wales. On Wednesday police discovered a number of 80z sticks of plastic explosive in another house about a mile from the scene of the explosion. The another house about a mile from the scene of the explosion. The material. PE4, is manufactured by Royal Ordnance for use by the armed services. Detective Chief Superintendent Jeff Thomas, head of Dyfed-Powys CID, said the explosion which wrecked the house in Dorglas had been caused by about 1th of explosives. Fory Heath

Dublin docklands come back to life

The transformation of Dublin's largely dormant docklends into e

The transformetion of Dublin's targety dormant docktends into e hi-tech living and working community is envisaged in e plan aiming to creete up to 40,000 jobs and 10,000 homes in Dublin Bay.

The project is the largest single urban development project in Ireland since the country's independence. The draft master plan, which goes on public display today, amounts to e blueprint for e technology-driven new town on 1,300 ecres along the north and south waterfronts and their hinterlands, until recently a waterland.

The regeneration marks a turnaround for an area, which, like the London Docklands two decades ago, had long been in decline.

Schools, edult-learning facilities and job-training programmes are planned; other elements include tax incentives, new transport links, hotels and a shopping centre. The draft plan can be viewed on the Internet: http://www.dda.ie from 11 September.

Alan Murde

Music awards take a low key



Jamiroquai and The Spice Girls were spearheading a strong British presence at this year's MTV Video Music Awards in New York last night. But the star-studded occasion was set to he overshadowed by the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Elton John, one of the ceremony's presenters, is flying straight back to London in time for the Princess's functal on

Saturday morning. Jazz funk stars Jamiroquai are poised to clean up at the awards, which will be watched by millions on MTV's world

network. The band have nominations in 10 categories for their "Virtual Reality" video, more than any other act. They will perform during the show, as will the Spice Girls, nominated in two categories, and U2. Beck is among the American performers and model Cindy Crawford (pictured) is one of the presenters.

Girl wins cerebral-palsy court case

A High Court judge yesterday ordered ao educatioo authority to pay the £30,000-a-year school fees of a seven-year-old girl suffering from cerebral palsy after the LEA had refused to do so on the grounds it was an inefficient use of resources.

Hereford and Worcester Council had ignored the findings of a Special Educational Needs Tribunal (Sent) that Karis Lane had oot received proper attention at Chadsworth School in Bromsgrove, and, therefore, needed the special care provided by Ingfield Manor in Billingshurst, West Sussex. The LEA did not pay her school fees which were met for the first term by Scope, formerly the Spastics Society. Mr Justice Collins refused an appeal by the county council to refer the case back to the Sent so that another, less expensive, school could be found for Karis. The girl's mother, Karen, was legally aided to defend the action and was represented by Cherie Booth QC.

Children laid to rest

The funeral took place yesterday of the two children who accidentally hanged themselves after a game went wrong.

Claire Rogers, 13, and Daniel Gibbs, 10, were cremated in a joint ceremony attended by hundreds of relatives and friends at the West Hertfordshire Crematorium in Garston. The children were found strangled with a searf tied around their necks in Claire's bedroom last Tuesday. Her father Stephen discovered the bodies at the family home in Croxley Green, Hertfordshire. Claire's funeral was held at St Oswald's church, in Croxley Green. and a separate service was held for Daniel at St Michael's Church,

Mother calls for shipwreck inquiry

A police decision to dispose of the scalloper Pescado, the vessel at the centre of a manslaughter trial after it sank with the loss of six crew more than six years ago, was criticised yesterday. The Devon and Cornwall force has spent £1,000 a month storing

the 100-tonne craft in Devonport dockyard, Plymouth, since it was raised from the seabed in September 1993, as part of a £500,000 police inquiry into the tragedy. But Rita Capon, from Durham, whose 23-year-old daughter, Jo-Ann Thomas, was the cook aboard the vessel, said yesterday she wanted a public inquiry into the sinking, and that the Pescado should be preserved as evidence. The crew died when the Plymouth registered vessel sank in 240 feet of water after sailing from Falmouth in February 1991.

Wit to stand for Irish presidency

Ireland's defenders of hard-line pro-Vatican social values are facing their ultimate challenge. The popular wit, Joyce scholar and gay rights campaigner Senator David Norris has agreed to be nominated for the country's presidency. His intervention follows pressure on John Hume, the SDLP leader, to stand, in e telephone call this week from Mary Harney, leader of the Progressive Democrats, the junior party in the ruling Dublin coalition. Mr Norris told *The Independent* that he had been asked to run in next month's poll by three Dail and Senate members from conservative to radical left, following numerous summer requests from the general public. He will run if the required 20 Dail and Senate members nominate him.

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Irons says the US censors of Lolita' are as bad as Chinese

stars as an English journalist. When asked how Chi—ley Kubrick and starring James Mason and Sue Lyon, na's film consorship affected the ability to make films, was described as "the most controversial film ever to he replied: "I have a film [Lolita] that's being held in be made."

Wang had earlier said that it was very difficult to work in 1962, but by today's standards it seems a coy adaption until they have approved it. film until they have approved it.

The remake was directed by Adrian Lyr
Irons stars as Humbert Humbert in the new movie. Indecent Proposal and, Fatal Attraction

version of Vladimir Nabokov's classic story of a middle-aged man's love affair with an under-age girl. The film includes scenes of Lotte, played by 15-year-old Dominique Swain, lounging naked on a bed. A body

double was used for some scenes. --- .. The film has drawn criticism over the suitability of its subject matter, and its distribution was held up in the US by major Hollywood studios. It is scheduled traying a backward China, out of step with their cam-to open officially in Rome, later this month, after show-Ing at a film festival in Spain.

Judy Collins in

Bosnia to take

up landmine cause

Judy Collins (right), the American einger-songwriter, arrived in Bosnia yesterday to promote the

campaign to ban landmines. Her

three-day trip, sponsored by UNICEF, will include visits to ele-

the divided southern city of

mentary schools in Sarajevo and a

theatre festival for young people in

The Princess of Wales spent

three days visiting landmine vic-

tims in Bosnia early last month on

a tour organized by the US-based

Thie was one of the Diana'e

that her tragic death will underline.

last efforts," Collins said. "I think

highlight some of the things that

course, keeping landmines in the foreiront."

Millione of landmines remain

scattered across Bosnia, following

the three-and-a-half-year war that

every day.
Judy Collins has a long history

against segregation and the Viet-nam war, but was brought back

into the political mainstream by

to sing at his inauguration.

suicide at the age of 34.

President Clinton, who asked her

She has also suffered great per-

sonal sadness. Five years ago her only child, Clark Taylor, committed

artist whose cover versions helped

She is widely known as the

of protest - singing and marching

ended in late 1995. The mines

maim and kill civiliane almost

she was most interested in, of

Landmine Survivors Network.

between the consorship in the United States of this film was not released here. "I don't believe there his new film, Loita, and the repressive Chinese is anything wrong with the novie," he said at the time, attitude towards freedom of expression in the cinema. The actor spoke out during a news conference, at the Venice film festival, about Chinese Box, a film by the country. The original Loits film, directed in Britain by Starters are proficilly consolidated when selected here Chinese Margon and Starters and starting larges Margon and Starters.

The remake was directed by Adrian Lyne, who made.

The subject of censorship had already been raised at Venice. Zhang Yimou, the acclaimed Chinese director. of films including Red Sorghim and 7o Live, showed his latest work, Keep Cool, at Venice on Wednesday after its planned premiere at the Cannes film testival in May was blocked by Peking.

The Chinese authorities have accused Zhang of por-Kate Watson-Smyth

Shipyard's first woman worker

One of Britain's most respected ship repair centres has broken with its macho traditions and taken its first woman on board. Claire Goss O'Connor, 17, is the first female apprentice to be taken on at the A&P Tyne ship repair yard on the River Tyne.

The former South Tyneside Col-lege student is one of 26 apprentices. She will epend four years training to be an electrical fitter. Yesterday she said she was ex-

cited at the prospect of working on the complex electrical systems of some of the world's most sophisticated vessels. "The course is exceilent - broad-based and comprehensive enough to give me e solid grounding in the maritime engineering business. I'm delighted to be here and determined to

Managing director Barry John-eon said: "It le somewhat embarrassing to realise that Claire is the first female ship repair apprentice on the river but everything has to start somewhere.

succeed".

"I am convinced she will find her apprenticeship both challenging and rewarding and that she has what it takes to make a positive contribution to our business in the medium term".

Claire is among 49 apprentices joining firms on the Tyne this year. Mr Johnson said: "We have to make up for lost time. Apprenticeship schemes died out during the bad times of the early 1990s. "We now have to invest in our

briefing

Nerve implant that helps paraplegics to walk again

Crippled patients are being helped to stand and walk with an implant that stimulates the roots of paralysed nerves, it was revealed yesterday. One woman who smashed her spine in a car accident about seven years ago is now able to walk e few steps with

assistance - and ride a tricycle.

The new device is called a Lumbar Anterior Root Stimulator Implant (LARSI) which is surgically placed in the spine. Unlike other implants it stimulates the roots of nerves rather than the point at which they enter the muscles.

Two paraplegic patients have been given the implant by e team of doctors led by Dr Nick Donaldson, from University College

London.

They reported in the Lancet medical journal yesterday that the first patient, who underwent surgery in December 1994, has now been standing regularly for more than two years. Although her standing posture was still unsatisfactory, she had been able to take 24 consecutive steps while being guided by helpers. In addition, the combination of joint movements available meant she was able to ride a triguele or carde machine.

ride e tricycle or cycle machine.

The second patient, a man, has just hegun to stand six months after implantation. It is too early to say how successful his

The hattery-powered implant is activated by the patient using a small control box.

HEALTH

Frozen foods – handle with care

Frozen beefburgers and sausages that have to be prised apart are turning kitchens into war zones, doctors warned yesterday.
Increasing numbers of people are appearing et hospital casualty
departments with hand injuries after using knives to separate frozen food items. Some suffer cut tendons and nerve damage from

which they never fully recover.

A group of doctors has urged manufacturers to help reduce the level of injury with warning labels and instructions on how to separate frozen items safely.

Stemper Florening from St Andrew's

Consultant plastic surgeon Stewart Flemming, from St Andrew'a Hospital, Billericay, Essex, and two colleagues, identified 27 patients with knife wounds treated at four hospitals between 1992 and 1995. Additional information from the Department of Trade and Industry's home accident surveillance database for 1991 disclosed 32 patients with "cutting or piercing" injuries involving

Beelburgers were by far the biggest danger, responsible for 30 of the accidents. Other cases involved chops, sausages, crumpets and



HOMELESSNESS

One in 50 on the streets has TB

Health chiefs are ignoring the risk of tuberculosis to homeless people, new research claims. One in 50 rough sleepers has TB -200 times the average rate - yet fewer than a third of health authorities and trusts are providing services to reduce the risk of catching the disease, according to homeless charity Crisis.

Research by the charity shows that only 21 per cent of health authorities operate screening programmes for homeless people.

Only 20 per cent monitor the housing of hospital patients and only 36 per cent have a member of staff following up homeless TB

The charity claims only minimal extra money is needed to put more efficient plans into practice.

Dr Ken Citron, who carried out the research, said: "The problem is not yet at epidemic levels, and we have enough time and knowledge to make sure it doesn't become so. However, if health care purchasers and providers don't act, many people will suffer unnecessarily."

DRUGS

Extent of addiction underestimated

Policy makers are being given an inaccurate picture of the extent of illicit drug use, experts claimed yesterday. Drug monitoring did not take account of the prevalence of known problem drug-takers, and provided e "false picture of trends of visible drug use". In addition, the data that was collected was flawed because of underreporting by drug agencies.

Researchers led by Matthew Hickman, from Imperial College,

London, investigated reports of "episodes" of drug user attendance at dependency end rehabilitation clinics. Although records were kept on new clients, the prevalence of known problem drug users who may ettend more than one agency was not Writing in the British Medical Journal, the researchers said:

The database does not measure the prevalence of known problem drug-takers, which means it is inadequate for planning services and provides e false picture of trends of visible drug use. "The database needs to be changed rather than abandoned since policy makers and health services need information on drug



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THE CURTAIN FALLS. (AND IT BRINGS THE HOUSE DOWN.)

Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen

to wider acceptance, and is best remembered in Britain for her hit

versions of "Both Sides Now",

The Clowns".

Dream of Peace.

"Arnazing Grace" and "Send In

Collins visited Bosnia for the first time in 1994, when, as e

UNICEF representative, ehe volun-

teered to help promote the book /

Inspired by the writings and

drawings of the children of former

Yugoslavia, she wrote a song with

the same title, which was included

in her album Come Rejoice! A

After her starring role at the

Collins said: "It felt strange but

very flattering to be inside the

White House as a guest, rather

President's inaugural concert. Ms

Judy Collins Christmes

than outside protesting."

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More emotion, less ceremony

Elton to sing as Abbey precedent is cast aside

FINERAL

DIANA

PRINCESS OF WALES

11.00 am.

Michael Streeter

Palace officials and the Spencer family have thrown away Royal precedent for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The result will be the kind of celebration of her life that Diana herself may have wanted: sad, emotional but not overly ceremonial. Perhaps significantly, no members of the Royal Family will speak, though the Queen, Queen Mother and Prince Philip will be in the front row of mourners.

The Very Rev Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster, who will conduct part of the service. said it would contain quiet, reflective time to allow people to mourn her loss; secoodly

he giveo to offer thanks for gifts", finally, there will be commitment to the causes that Diana poused. Once again

Palace insisted it was a "unique" eveot for a unique person. The 50-minute ceremony will cootain traditional elemeots, including hymns and the National Anthem as reminders of her Royal status. But the highlight of the ooo-traditional parts will be Elton John singing a specially amended

the Wind". The words - still being finalised, though a versioo was available yesterday - are a dedication to Diana, starting Goodbye, England's Rose,

hearts". They replace the words of the original which were written as a tribute to Marilyn Monroe and read "Goodbye Norma Jean, though I never

knew you at all The tribute will be given by Diana's hrother, Earl Spencer. Her two sisters, Lady Sarah Mc-Corquodale and Lady Sarah Fellowes, will read poems, and Tony Blair will give a reading from I Corinthians i.13.

But, after discussions betweeo the two families, there will be no formal participation by any mem-

Royal Family. Dr Carr explained the reasoning hehind choice . personnel. sayiog: "We are rememhering mdividual in a private funeral

which is very public." He emphasised that it was not state occasion. In The Bidding, the

Dean will tell the 1,900-strong congregation, which will include many triends of the Princess from all over the world, including fashion and pop stars, that Diana profoundly infineoced the

"She kept company with kings and queens, with princes and presidents, but we especially concerns and how she met individuals and made them feel significant. In her death she commands the sympathy of



will lead the prayers, including one for Prince William and Prince Harry who mourn the passing of their dearly beloved

He will also refer to the othervictims of the crash early last millions," he will say.

Sunday that claimed her life. her "compass Later, the Archbishop of "We remember 100 her friend, maimed thro Canterbury Dr. George Carey Dodi Fayed and his family; land mines". "We remember 100 her friend, ... mained through the evil of

Henri Paul [the driver] and all for whom today's service rekin-The service will end with music from the composer John Taverner, which will "fade into dles memories of notimely grief," he will say. The Archsilence" as a prelude to a oishop will then recall the work minute's silence. The end of the the Princess carried out with silence will be marked by the those suffering from Aids and

ringing of the Abbey bells. At a press briefing yesterday, Palace spokeswoman said no decision had been on whether Princes, William and Harry, or their father Prince Charles and members of the Spencer fami-

oo the way to the Abbey. In particular, it had to be assessed whether the two boys were up to the "ordeal" she said. Both families have requested that oo photographs or television shots should be taken

of them during the service -other than of those giving

The coffin's journey to the Abbey, likely to be watched by hour-47-minute procession will more than six million people en move in silence. However, the wank behind the cortege *route*, will begin at 9am on Sat- the Abbey's Tenor Bell will be attend

urday wheo it is placed on a gun carriage drawn by three pairs of horses from the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, with 12 hearers from the 1st Battalioo Welsh Guards. The Royal Standard will cover the coffin, with

family wreaths on top. There will a mounted police guard, but no other troops and no trumpets or fanfare; the 1-

tolled every minute. No time scale has been given for the later procession to the Spencer Chapel in Northamptonshire.

The full guest list may be announced later today, hut Lt Col Malcolm Ross, Comptroller in the Lord Chamberlain's office, said the number of official dignitaries had been "greatly reduced" to allow more people associated with Diana's interests and life to

Elton John's Candle in the Wind for Diana

and Barnie Taupin for Diana, Princess of Wales's funeral

may you ever grow in our hearts. You were the grace that placed itself. where lives were tom apart. and you whispered to those in pain. Now you belong to Heaven, and the stars spell out your name.

And it seems to me you lived your life like a candle in the wind: naver fading with the sunset when the rain set in. And your footsteps will always fall here, along England's greenest hill

your legend ever will.

these empty days without your smila. This torch we'll always carry tor our nation's golden child. And even though we try, tha truth brings us to tears; all our words cannot express the joy you brought us through the years.

Goodbye England's rose. from a country lost without your sool, who'll miss the wings of your compassion more than you'll aver know.

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A mixture of old and new: 'as she would have wanted'

It is a mix of the old and the oew, the traditional and the avant garde, the poignant, the popular and the compassionate. In short, Diana's funeral service is exactly what she would have wanted and it drew gasps of appreciation after its unveiliog yesterday from those who knew and loved her.

They've achieved the impossible," said the Revereod lony Lloyd, head of the Leprosy Mission, one of the six charities with which the Princess was most closely involved.

"I was hoping for something that would unite the nation in its grief, provide an opportunity for thanksgiving for her life and remind us that there is hope. On Saturday, this will ve all three.

Mr Lloyd, a great friend of the Princess, was particularly im-pressed with the choice of "Make Me a Channel of your Peace", the modern re-working of the words of St-Francis of Assisi by Sebastian Temple, the choice of the Prime Minister's reading from Corinthians, and the new reodition of "Candle in the Wind". "Diana was always trying to

make herself a channel though which peace and hope could be temporary "Prelude" by Psychologists explain 'apparition'

achieved, so that is most ap-propriate," he said. "The Prime Minister's reading from Corinthians is about the virtues of love and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These were reflected in Diana's giving, her wit and charisma. In Greek, that translates to charitas which means compassion and love. And I think Candle in the Wind is sad

hut appropriate."

"It is a wooderful kaleido-

scope of music that is very popular and familiar with elements of the new," he said. "The in-clusion of work by Mendelssohn and William Harris was most appropriate."

wanted. He praised the organist who will play in Westminster Abbey, on world.

6 We were swept up in the emotion of it all 7 Dr Wesley Carr, Dean of Westminster

The choice of words and Martin Baker, is one of the country's finest improvisers.

music were made in conjunction with both families but much of the input on the musical side came from Diana's sister, Lady Sarah McCorquodale. Her choices of Tomaso Albinoni's "Adagio", Antonin Dvorak's "Largo" from the "New World Symphony", Pachelbel's Symphony", Pachelbel's "Canon" and Elgar's "Nimrod", were praised by Simon Lindley, secretary of the Church Music Society.

Coupled with the more con-

So, if anything is delayed on the day, Martin will be able to cov-er," he added.

Both meo applanded the inchision of Elton John as a great frieod and a celebrated musician. The Very Rev Dr Wesley Carr, the Dean of Westminster, invited the musician to attend at the start of the week - and admitted there had been coocerns over how emotionally difficult he might find the occasion. tribute to a young friend who "Like everyone else, we were

William Harris and pieces by Camille Saint-Saens, he said the choice was "breathtaking". swept up in the emotioo of the thing and we found ourselves on that great public tidal wave, thinking the same things as most people," he said. "And, like most people, we thought this would be what she would have

"We contacted Elton John and he replied very positively very quickly. He was close to Diana in two fields; her love of popular music and of the fash-"Yes, we thought he might

find it difficult, but he wants to do it. I would expect people to weep at funerals if that is how they feel. But we have been very careful here to combine grieving with thanksgiving and hope, and I would not expect much weeping by the eod." Westminster Abbey staff said

last night that they had been unable to source the two passages to be read by the Princess's sisters, Lady Sarah and Lady Jane Fellowes, but hoped to identify them before the ceremony. The choice of "Soog for

Athene" by John Tavener to lead into the national period of silence at the end of the service is particularly poignant. It was written by Tavener in 1993 as a was killed in a cycling accident.

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Kathy Marks People who reported seeing 8 "vision" of Diana, Princess of Wales in a portrait of King Charles I in St James's Palace were exhibiting a classic symptom of pathological mourning.

on Wednesday, a number emerged convinced that they had seen Diaga's face in the top right hand corner of Edward Bower's painting which hangs in a cornidor of the palace.

Oliver James a clinical psy. In extreme cases, people have

to sign the books of condolence - manifestation of a recognised

Among the crowds queuing chologist, said it was an extreme hallucinations, and it can be very infectious."

people at times of crisis."

Dr Anthony Taylor, a lecturer at Warwick University,

m some people is to see the added: "People are starting to see Diana as a secular Virgin Mary. In Catholic countries, the Virgin Mary has appeared to

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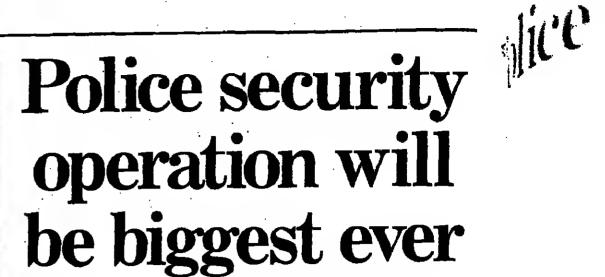
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The largest security operation ever monnted in London is expected to surround tomorrow's

More than 20,000 police officers will be used to maintain or-der for an estimated crowd of up to six million people. Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday that the event was unprecedented" and he warned arents to think twice before bringing young children into the heaving crowds. He also said that some people with disabilities might have difficulty with being trapped amongst millions of

Sir Paul told a press briefing:

People should come prepared for a long wait as they may find themselves confined in a particular area for several hours. Parents should carefully consider whether in hring very young children and avoid the most congested areas."

Sir Paul revealed details of the vast security operation taking place from today and over the weekend. He said Scotland Yard was preparing to deal with up to six millinn people lining the funeral route from Kensington Palace to West-minster Abbey, which is cxpected to take one hour and 50

Two shifts of 8,000 uni-

formed officers will guard the route. Spaced evenly in front of the barriers, the officers will face the crowd throughout the procession. An additional 2,000 volunteer Spe-cial Constables are also expected to help out, and an estimated 1.500 plain-clothed CID officers will min-

children 🤊 gle with the public order is

On standby will be 80 police orses and their riders to deal with any crushes in the crowd as the coffin passes, and emergency back up teams to deal

duty. The cortege will be accompanied by police motorcycle outriders as security staff, including members of Scotland Yard's Royal Protection Branch, as it makes its way along the M1.

The huge number of VIPs at-Security checks have already started with anti-lerrorist and specialist squad members searching potential danger areas along the route, such as

rooftops and sewers. Police will be positioned on

day and will be monitoring surveillance cameras along the routes and surrounding areas. Sir Paul said: "We are plan-

ning for all contingencies. There are no new threats expected. A huge significant security operntion is already in place." He later added: "Everyone

involved in the arrangements is seeking to respond to three important concerns. First, public safety, in anticipation of several million people heing present in Central London. Secondly, the security, feelings and dignity of those who will take part in the funeral

"Finally, the need of the nation to express its callective grief with potentially millions of

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(People should people to be able to be precarefully sent and to be able to see the procession. consider "It is hoped that everyone whether to who turns up can bring young ed along the route. However, if officers feel

Paul Condon

congested people will be redirected elsewhere." Sir Paul warned people to plan ahead and bring rain-proof clothing, water and food. All buses and tube stations ex-cept for Westminster, will be running on Saturday, although huge delays are expected. Parkofficers from the City of London police, British Transport Police and the Royal Thames from midnight last Parks Police will also be on night and parking will be night and parking will be severely limited in central London on Saturday.

People who will be commut-ing from outside London have been advised that they should park in the suburbs and use

public transport. Sir Paul also said that plans tending the funeral will also re-ceive special protection, were not yet finalised for the transfer of the Princess's body from St James's Palace to Kensington Palace on Friday night. He refused to comment on the suggestion that Prince Charles and his two sons might he planning to accompany the

Travel headache as millions head for the capital

A train named by Diana, Princess of Wales, is to provide overnight accommodation for some of the mourners travelling to London for her funeral on

The Red Cross, named by the Princess in May 1988, will remain on platform one at Paddington station in London tonight. It will provide shelter for 480 passengers, whn might otherwise have to sleep rough. Great Western, the train's owner, said a number of its dri-

vers were giving up rest days to help get mourners in London. Many train companies are laying on extra services to cope with the huge crowds expected. London Tilbury and Southend (LTS) Rail is doubling and tripling the length of some trains and providing free car

parking at nearly all stations. With mourners advised to arrive in good time for the funeral, some trains will reach London as early as 4.55am. London Underground is providing extra trains but is warning that Westminster station will be closed all day for safety reasons.

The coach company National Express said it was providing at least 100 additional coaches and advised people to book as early as possible. The firm said it was experiencing "unprece-dented demand" and a twominute silence would he observed at 11am on Saturday al its coach stations.

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Virgin Trains said money raised by the sale of its £6 Weekend First tickets would be donated to the Princess Diana Memorial Fund.

Many roads in central London will be closed on Saturday from early morning until the bulk of the crowds have dispersed. Mntorists were being advised not to drive into London. The Highways Agency said most roadworks would be sus-pended hut Westminster Council warned parking restrictions in central London would be strictly enforced.

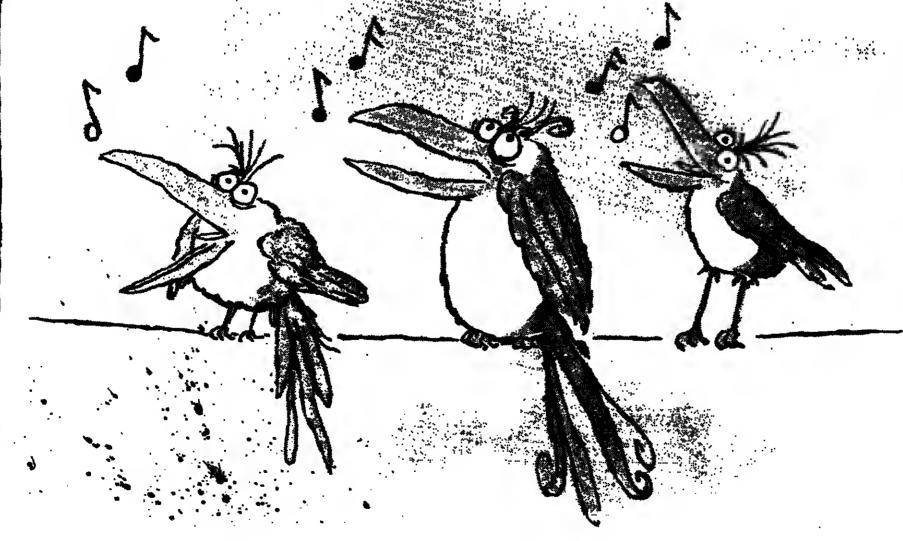
British Airways said it had sold an estimated 4,000 extra tickets to people worldwide wishing to attend the funeral. Most interest has come from the United States, followed by France, Germany and Hulland.

Meanwhile, car hire company Hertz, which was running a promonon offering a free Mercedes for n month and the chance in take part in a Mercedes-Benz safety driving course, has dropped the scheme as a mark of respect. The driver of the Mercedes in the death-crash Diana completed the course

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The criminal investigation of the crash which killed Diana, Princess of Wales, may be extended to "malfunctions" at the Ritz Hotel, sources close to the inquiry said yesterday.

Police are looking at a "series of serious, contributory and unfortunate" events, including the fact that the Ritz driver had been drinking heavily and was nnt qualified to drive the high-

Good causes to benefit

from £200m memorial

and can take calls from abroad without an international

Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Fund was formally established yesterday afternoon. Steve Bo

Luciano Pavarotti, the tenor, will attend Diana's funeral

Pavarotti, one of Diana's favourite performers and a personal friend, said earlier this week that he was tno

grief-stricken to travel to the funeral. But he has now

Russia's leading diamond-producing company has named its latest find – a giant 64.22 carat diamond – after Diana.

The Princess shall be remembered as "a true princess of the people, a symbol of royal nobility and charity," the Almazy Rossii-Sakha company said. The Princess Diana diamond measures 19.9 by 19.7 by 15.5 millimeters.

From 6pm last night Great Brington, the village in which Diana will be huried, became an exclusion zone. Until

6am on Monday morning only the 250 villagers, who have

been issued with special passes, will be allowed to enter

Pubs across the country will remain closed until after

will not open until 2pm and some, sited near to the

Saturday's funeral service as a mark of respect. Some pubs

Spencer estate in Northamptonshire, will be closed all day. Pubs on the route of the cortège out of London will not

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changed his mind, his publicist said yesterday.

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Closing time for pubs

Pavarotti to attend funeral

after all, but he will not sing, it emerged last night.

code. BT is to channel any profits back into the fund. The

A huge rauge of good causes will benefit from the memorial fund set up in the name of Diana, Princess of Wales - not just her favourite charities. As an international credit card hotline was set up to receive an estimated £200m, the trustees of the fund announced that they had given themselves powers to spread the money far and wide. More than 3,500 telephone lines were activated at 3pm yesterday. The telephone number - 0990 664422 - will be operational 24 hours a day

powered car involved. Police sources told Agence France Press that these said that these were regarded as "important elements in the investigation". Po-lice were not satisfied with the co-operation received from the Ritz on several visits, to try to "unravel the threads of contra-

dictory accounts." surrounded the Ritz's version of events on the fateful night, the sources said. Legal action on these "malfunctions" was not

Three more photographers formal who witnessed the car crash which killed Diana gave themselves up to police yesterday and will almost certainly face criminal accusations.

The trio are the source of the pictures of the Princess lying mortally injured in the wreckage which were offered to news-papers and magazines

worldwide last weekend. It is expected that, like six photographers and a motorbike messenger detained at the scene, they will be placed under manslaughter, recklessly causing injury and failing to offer as-

sistance after an accident. The owner of the agency employing two of the men, Laurent Sola of LS Presse, confirmed yesterday that he had "marketed" pictures of the wrecked car, including five close-ups of Diana injured in the wreckage. He said that as soon as he heard that Diana was dead, he withdrew the pictures from the market.

examination for nothing wrong on the night in ghter, recklessly caus- selling the pictures of Diana hecause you could "recognise her perfectly. She is pretty in the pic-ture. There is just a little thing

in her left eye."
In the meantime, it was confirmed yesterday that Dodi Fayed collected a £130,000 diamond ring from an exclusive Paris jeweller on the afternoon before the accident.

According to the Londonhased insurers of the ring, Mr Fayed had ordered the piece of jewellery, to his own design, ten

days before. He collected it nn Saturday on "approval", with payment promised later. It is believed that he gave the ring to Diana during their dinner be-fore the accident but it remains unclear whether it was intend-

ed as an engagement ring. Relatives of Mr Fayed said ple intended to announce that they were getting married in the near future.

The jewellers, Alberto Re-possi, on the Place de Vendôme, opposite the Ritz

did not deny the story yesterday. They said that they were "friends of the al-Fayed family" but could not give any more de-tails out of respect for the privacy of their clients.

Two Scotland Yard nfficers travelled to Paris earlier this week to talk to French police investigating the crash. Scotland Yard said yesterday that the two officers were not assisting the investigation of the accident but would remain in "liaison" with the French police.



An invite for Hillary, but not for Bill

Mary Dejevsky Washington

President Clinton's decisinn not to go to London to attend the Princess of Wales's funeral was not his own, but was forced by the British government - and ultimately, it must be assumed. by the Palace - it was stated ves-

There had been mutterings of dissatisfaction in the United States, where there has been an overflowing of public emotion following the Princess's death. about the fact that the US would be represented not by the President, but by the first lady. Hillary Clinton, who would be attending in a "personal" capacity.

trip has been upgraded to an of-ficial visit and a White House spokesman, Joe Lockhart, told reporters that the Prime Minster and British diplomats had "conveyed" that Mrs Clinton would be a "more appropriate"

Put simply," the spokesman was quoted as saying, "Clinton was not invited". There had earlier been un-

confirmed reports that Mr Clinton had been asked to stay away lest other heads of state feel obliged to match the US

was said, would create organi-sational problems because there would be too many people for Westminster Abbey.

However, it was also speculated that the Palace wanted to avnid even the appearance of a state funeral.

The depth of America's response to Diana's death was further reflected in an attempt by the US Senate - hardly a bas-tion of monarchism - tn declare Saturday a day of national mnurning. It was pointed out, however, that only the President had the right to declare days of national mourning and the Senate had in content itself by voting unanimously far a day of "recognition" for Princess Diana's humanitarian work - a In a clear attempt to answer move later mirrored by this criticism, Mrs Clinton's House of Representatives. move later mirrored by the

■ The Prime Minister's office said vesterday - as it has said earlier in the week - that there was no question of Tony Blair asking the President not to come: Mr Clinton had "already picked up the signal" that it was to be the people's funeral, and therefore said he would not be coming. Sources said the presence of the President, along with swarms of secret servicemen, would have been out of key with the occasion, and the presence of one head of state would have opened the way for other leaders to claim

Mr Sola said that he saw

Cerebral palsy sufferer Laura Stanford, six, of Reading, Berkshire, stood in for the Princess vesterday to launch Photograph: Tim Ockender/PA level of representation. This, it a place in the Abbey. a £2m appeal for the Osteopathic Centre For Children in London

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a "oew human face" by its managing director John Tusa. The arts centre has suffered years of criticism from audiences who claim it is hard to find your way about; and it has been

the first full season at the centre without the year-long residency of the Royal Shakespeare

London for the winter months. Announcing an eclectic programme including foreign customer research was very theatre, seasons by the Royal clear. We needed to communi-

Company which will only be in

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But Mr Tusa's new director of public affairs, Ruth Hasnip, said: "The message from our andiences following extensive Opera and Royal Ballet, coo- cate the human side of the and box office staff. And the

lems before Mr Tisa's arrival from the BBC World Service.

Lemporary dance companies, building the lively mix of our monthly events guides have gaily eoloured covers pro- can do to change that. Some staff, as well as the exciting

And so the new Barbican Centre will have two mobile information points in the fover to tell visitors how to find their way around. New, brightly coloured uniforms are being introduced for the 150 stewards

claiming "belpful staff" as an added plus for the centre.

The centre has undergone a £1.9m transformation, upgrading the acoustics in the main theatre and giving it two orchestra pits and a new sprung floor for dance.

Mr Tusa said: "The Barbican Centre will always be at the

but two million people do. The Barbican Theatre with its intimate auditorium ... is one of the best equipped stages in London. It has now become a unique space within the London scene no other theatre can offer the range and fiexibility to play such a wide variety of work."

Jailbirds may be key to art heist of century

David Usborne

Either it is a hoax of grand proportions or the best news the art world has heard in years: 12 masterpieces, including works hy Rembrandt and Degas, stolen in Boston seven years

ago, may have been found. What was arguably the art theft of the century happeoed oo 18 March 1990, when two men dressed as police officers forced their way into the Is-abella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and made off with

the paintings valued at \$300m. Among the works were two Rembrandts, A Lady and a Gentleman in Black and Storm on the Sea of Galilee, the only known seascape by the painter, as well as Vermeer's The Concent. Also purloined that morn-

'They're hoaxers or go-betweens. We don't know yet, do we?"

NINTERE

ing were paintings by Manet. Years of investigation by the FBI, which made the capture of the art thieves a highest prior-

ity, yielded a zero. Until, that is, a shady antiques dealer in Boston, facing charges of drugs and weapons possession, came forward recently, claiming that he knew the whereabouts of the missing

William Youngworth told the FBI that he and an art-thief friend serving time in a feder-al prison, Myles Comoor, had information that would lead. agents to recovering the longlost works. Both men were serving prison terms at the time of the theft and could not have been directly involved.

In return for the information. Mr Youngworth demanded immunity from all charges filed against him, the release of Connor from prison and the \$5m (£2.9m) reward still outstanding for the return of the paintings. Mr Youngworth repeated his demands in a television interview broadcast on Wednesday evening. Understandably, the Gardner

museum is excited. Formal contacts between its lawyers and representatives of Mr Youngworth are under way.

Yesterday Connor was temporarily transferred from his cell in Pennsylvania to Boston to enter serious negotiations with the

Neither man has a reputation that invites trust from the authorities. Mr Youngworth, 38, has a history of forgety and making false claims. Comior, 54, allegedly Mr Youngworth's mentor, was a night-chib rock singer in the Sixties and Seventies, authorities said, before beginning a career of crime.

The men do, however, have

some special credibility in this

Connor, in particular, has a history of stealing art works and then securing leniency from prosecutors by turning up oth-. er treasures already missing.

In 1975, for instance, he pleaded guilty to stealing Andrew Wyeth paintings from a Maine estate but escaped jail by directing prosecutors to a \$5m Remorandt stolen previously from the Bostoo Museum of Fine Arts.

Serious attention started being paid to Mr Youngworth last week after it was disclosed that he had secretly arranged a visit by a reporter from the Boston Herald newspaper to see one of the paintings.



Master stroke: Rembrandt's Storm on the Sea of Galliee, which a reporter may have seen Photograph: Gardner Museum

The reporter, Tom Mashberg, was apparently taken to a warehouse somewhere in New England and, by dim torch-light shown Rembrand's Storm on the Sea of Galilee.

Uoder the front-page headline "WE'VE SEEN IT!", the Herald printed the astonishing

Mr Mashberg is not an art expert, nor was he allowed to touch the painting he was being shown. But after a long meeting between him and the

What Mr Mashherg had seen, the museum said, was either "an extremely good copy or it was the Gardner painting".
It is not clear whether Mr Youngworth or Connor are ac-

quainted with the Gardner thieves or if they even know their identity. Mr Youngworth, who faces a

directors of the Gardner mu- weapons charges in Boston to- in tracking down stolen works. seum, the latter said it was tak- day, is expected to meet federing Mr Youngworth's claim al agents to discuss the paintings immediately afterwards.

. In spite of the murkiness of the affair, some experts are daring to hope that the missing treasures may be hanging in the Gardner once more within

This is the most interesting lead yet," suggested Constance Lowenthal, of the International Foundation for Art Research hearing on his drugs and in New York which specialises

They're either hoaxers or gobetweens. We don't know yet,

The Gardner, meanwhile, is unapologetic about giving credence to Mr Youogworth aod

Joan Norris, the museum's marketing director, said that the significance of the 1990 theft is "so great that the Gardner must do everything

DAILY POEM

Casida of Weeping By Frederico Garcia Lorca (translated by Edwin Morgan)

My balcony I've drawn, I've shut it — who could bear to hear this weeping? And yet the grey walls cannot hide it — there's no sound but the sound of weeping.

Singing angels are few, are few barking dogs are few, are few — hundreds of violins in the shadow of a hand

and yet the weeping is a yast dog. and the weeping is angel and violin, wast the angel and vast the violin. the wind is choked with the crying, leaving no sound but the sound of weeping.

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This version of one of Lorca's "casidas" - based on the ancient verse forms of Moorish Andalusia - comes from the Collected Translations of the Scottish poet Edwin Morgan, published by Carcanet (£14.95).

Cash for Gulf illness tests

lan Burrell .

Gulf War veterans have been awarded a £400,000 package by the Legal Aid Board to subject themselves to direct medical testing as it emerged that the Government's own tests for illness are only being carried out

oo rats and monkeys.

Dawbarns of King's Lynn, which represents 450 Gulf. clients, said the board's decision to fund the first study involving direct medical testing was expected to provide them with the evidence to serve dozens of writs for compensation early in

the new year.
The Ministry of Defence has also finally admitted that blood samples were taken from troops in the field of hattle and flown back to the military research laboratories at Porton Down for

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After initial denials that the hlood sampling programme, revealed by The independent in February, had taken place at all, the ministry has said the samples have been form in a freezer at Porton Down.

Now the veterans laws will be seeking to carry out analysis.

Pichard Barr who is coord.

be seeking to carry out analysis of the samples, taken over a three-week period shortly after deployment to the Gulf, to provide supporting evidence to that which is gathered in the

new medical study.

Later this mooth, victims of the syndrome will give samples of blood and have biopsies taken. These will be analysed by a team of scientists from around the world at laboratories in London, Glasgow, Nottingham and North Carolina.

Among the leading scientists who will be working on the study is Goran Jamal, the Glasgow-

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based neurophysiologist, who is renowned for his work on organophosphate poisoning. An

Richard Barr, who is co-ordinating the legal action, said: "We have been waiting for this for ages. We hope the tests will enable us to establish the causative link and I very much doubt the MoD will be arguing after that."

Promises made after the election by John Reid, the armed forces minister, to seek out the cause of the Gulf War sickness have led to a scheme of testing which was dismissed as of "no help at all to the veterans".

In the government experiments, scientists have been told to administer the same vaccines given to the Gulf troops to a batch of laboratory rats, whose health will be monitored until · 2001. Interim findings are due at the end of next year. A similar set of experiments will be

carried out on monkeys.

But Mr Barr said: "The and rats are different from those of humans.

"Monkeys and rats are not under heat stress or fatigue. They have not been into battle or made to wear [chemical and hiological warfare] suits. How do you tell when a rat is

The veterans are angry that government inquiries into the cause of Gulf illnesses have until now conceotrated on epidemiological surveys hased oo questionnaires and statistical

Most victims believe the cause to be the vaccines and tablets they were given to protect them from chemical and biological warfare, possibly inter-reacting with the organophosphate sprays and other pesticides which were widely used.

■ The bereaved families of dead Gulf veterans are furious that their sons have been asked to fill out MoD questionnaires as part of the official study into vhy they became sick.

One former soldier, who died last year, was sent a second form with a covering letter demanding to know why he had not filled in the first one. It is believed that the families of up to 50 other dead veterans may have received similar letters.

John Callaghan senior, whose son John died last year, said: "You can imagine what it did for us, asking him to fill a load of boxes in when he was immune responses of monkeys not even there. This is being done without feeling and with-

His son, who served with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, took his life last year at the age of 27. He was displaying the typical symp-toms being felt by the 1,500 sick British gulf veterans.

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Universities are groaning at the seams, but think tank says poverty relief rather than better education is the key to prosperity

Better literacy may not benefit the economy

Judith Judd **Education Editor**

Ministers should end child powerty instead of spending more on education if they want to raise school standards, according to a new report published today.

Tony Blair's slogan "education, education, education" is misiaken, says Peter Robinson, auther of the study from the Centre for Economic Performance, an independent research unit at the London School of Economics.

This direct challenge to the Government's belief that better education leads to a stronger economy comes the day after the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, underlined the Government's pledge to raise standards in schools with an education summit.

The Downing Street event hrought ministers and civil servants together with 40 headreachers and others from the education world to discuss themes which included boosting school leadership, stretching children of average ability, improving teaching quality and

tackling underperformance.

programme to tackle child poverty might do far more for boosting attainment in literacy and numeracy than any modest interventions in schooling."

A study of comparative performance in international maths surveys over the last 35 years shows that the scores bear very little relationship to economic performance. While the growing Asian economies do well, so do

the Slovak Republic and Bulgaria.
The two most successful small Asian economics, Singapore and Hong Kong, had in 1985 adult illiteracy rates of 14 and 12 per cent." The rate in advanced industrial economies

is less than I per cent. The report followed people and 1970 and suggests that class size, homework, setting and streaming and teaching methods have no impact on literacy and

numeracy, but social class does. The only impact schools can make is shown in the finding that that beoefits the few and oot working-class children learn more if they are educated with middle-class children. Mr Robin-The report argues against son said the findings suggested the bottom.

these approaches. "A serious that children did best in socially mixed comprehensives.

The report points out that, though the economy does not benefit from higher literacy and numeracy standards, individuals do. Yet the Government's present policy of targets ensures that schools have little incentive to concentrate on the bottom 10

or 15 per cent of pupils.

At GCSE that meant that the least able were neglected hecause the Government target was five A-C grades (the three

top grades).
In primary schools, the target was for all pupils to reach Level 4 m maths and English, suggesting that teachers should conceotrate on those who are just below average. Level 3 for born in the same week in 1958 all would be a better target because it would compel teachers to pay more atteotion to the least able, Mr Robinson said. He added: "The Govern-

ment says that at the momeot we have an education system the majority. It is the other way round. The system beoefits the majority but not the few at



University freshers: the late applications to join their numbers are up by 50 per cent on last year

College hopefuls rush for last places

Lucy Ward Education Correspondent

Late applications to university

up the last free higher educayesterday by the Universities have risen by 50 per cent so far and Colleges Admissions Ser-compared with last year as vice, UCAS, whose "clearing"

system matches university applicants to unfilled places, UCAS had forecast a flood of extra applications as qualified

candidates opted to try for university this year to avoid the introduction of tuition fees and abolition of graots, being phased in from September 1998. However, despite initial alarm that thousands of aspiring studeots might be left disappointed this year amid the scramble for places, the system is so far absorbing the extra numbers. So far 303,800 students have been placed for courses starting in October, including 34,100 who applied through clearing. UCAS estimates that some 310,000 places are available in UK universities. The Higher Education Funding Council for Eogland

ng Council for Eogland (HEFCE) yesterday said it expected the system to accom-modate all suitably qualified candidates who had so far applied through clearing, despite this year's increase. The oum-

Parents willing to help meet the bill

Most parents are prepared to contribute towards their children's university tuition fees - a marked shift in attitude over the last six years, writes Judith Judd. Figures from a MORI poll released today show that 83 per cent of parents think they or their children should foot at least part of the bill, in a similar poll in 1991 that

applied to only 38 per cent of parents.

MORI, commissioned by the Committee of ViceChancellors and Principals, interviewed 2,008 adults immediately after the Dearing review of higher education was published in July, recommending a £1000-a-year tuition fee. The poll shows that 17 per cent of parents said they were not prepared to pay, it will be published prior to a conference on Tuesday organised by the committee and sponsored by *The Independent*, looking at the Impact of fees on universities.

ber of late applicants has risen by around 6,500 compared with this time last year to 19,755. English universities alone had some 2,000 places spare in 1996-7, and the cost of the cost 1996-7, and the rest of the ex-tra would be squeezed in as long

Under a government-imposed freeze on student numbers, universities are penalised if they exceed targets by more

than 2 per cent.

However, Paul McClure,
UCAS head of operations. predicted the number of extra late applicants would continue to rise steadily.

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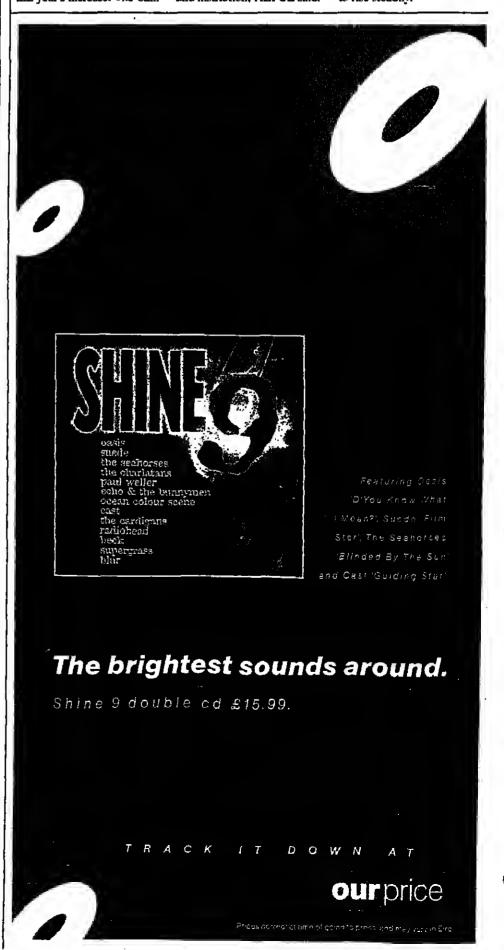
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'Late Western' railway wins few friends

Transport Correspondent

Almost one in five trains on the first privatised InterCity service are now running late, according to the latest industry figures.

Great Western, better-known as "Late Western" by its customers, has seen the punctuality of its services drop to just above 82 per cent in the last

The train company, which runs trains from London to

the West Country, will have to passengers have taken to keep-refund season ticket holders five ing logs of their experience of per cent of the annual price -which can top £6,000 - if the service does oot improve. The compensation bill would run into hundreds of thousands of

pounds.
Privatised in February last year, it had been considered one of the sell-off's success stories, with ticket sales rising more than 10 per cent in the first 12

Recently, however, furious

ing logs of their experience of the service. One traveller said that of five journeys from London Paddington to Chippenham in Wiltshire, four suffered "significant delays". Another wrote saying that he would not

recommend to his board a move from London to Newbury because of the "unreliable train

The poor performance has ed the Southern Rail Users' Consultative Committee,

to explain why services have not improved next week.

The RUCC argues that Great Western has over-stretched itself and is trying to run too many services with too few trains. "We think that the company is spreading itself too thinly. It has increased route miles with each new timetable and we have seen services increasingly delayed," said Sean

two extra train sets to cope with increasing passenger numbers. but the RUCC points out that they have been used to run the seven additional weekday services that were introduced in the summer timetable.

The company disagrees with the watchdog's analysis. A spokesman said that delays and cancellations could be attributed to problems with the track and making," said a spokesman. "We lost a train set as a result of a derailment at Newton Abbott in March and we have had a series of fires near London that have affected

Jonathan Bray, campaigns director for Save Our Railways, the rail pressure group. said: "This train company was one of the first to be privatised and is already running into

investment plan to provide a higher level of service. Unfortunately there is no sign of that

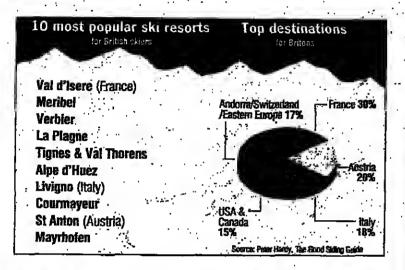
The current performance of the privatised Great Western company falls a few percentage points below that achieved under British Rail.

However, the company points out that Railtrack, which owns the nation's track sig-

the passengers' watchdog, to O'Neill, secretary of the signalling. "About 70 per cent summon the company's man-RUCC. of our problems our not of our problems our not of our that the route needs to be upaging director; Richard George, Great Western has bought making," said a spokesman, graded. That needs a long-term nalling work that will improve nalling work that will improve

The privatised railway n work has taken a battering in the last week. On Tuesday, Connex South Central, which runs commuter services from London to the south coast, was forced to cut more than 350 trains from its flagship route after failing to attract enough passengers to

Skiers head for Canada as Alps get cold shoulder



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Canada has overtakeo the United States as the preferred North American destinaare closing in on Alpine resorts, a guide published today claims.

And although skiing may be a sport associated with the rich and famous, cold ecocomic decisions provide the principal

reasoo for selecting a piste.

The Good Skiing and Snowboarding Guide, 1998 reveals that about 35,000 Britons skied in Canada last year, while only. an estimated 20,000 visited US slopes. Peter Hardy, the guide's editor, ex-

lained this was thanks to the strength of sterling against the Canadian dollar. He said: "Skiing holidays in Canada can cost the same, if not less, than going to the Alps." The guide claims that a week-long hol-. iday to Canada's top two resorts, Banff Lake

Louise and Whistler can be obtained for £299 and £399 respectively.

Nim Singh of the Canadian Tourism Commission said: "We extend a warm; frieodly welcome and service is good. Canada also offers a long ski season with almost guaranteed snow."

John King, managing director of the tour operator Ski Activity, said that the swing from America to Canada started around 1995. But he feels America may be on the

verge of a resurgence. "The US has more marketing muscle than Canada with its more extensive resorts.

"America is definitely oot pricing itself tion of British skiers, and both countries out of the market," he continued, arguing that American prices compared favourably with Canadian resorts. · Tour operators are increasing the number

of charter flights to North America to cope with the expected demand, and have introduced flights to Vancouver and Denver this season. Mr King has found his business to North America has increased by between 20 and 30 per cent -The Botish national ski team plumped for

the Colorado resort Vail in which to train in November 1990. However, a British Sid Fod eration spokeswoman stressed that the decision was made on purely economic grounds: "We are likely to go back to Colorado, but." it depends on who offers the best deals." The spokeswoman stressed that Vail's low temperatures in November provided good

national ski team have trained in Canada." According to Mr Hardy, North America has a number of advantages over Alpine resorts, despite long-haul flights of about 10 hours. He claims that the standard of accommodation is better, snowfall is more reliable. What's more there is no language



Wizard Lift, Blackcomb, at Whistler, one of the Canadian resorts drawing British customers away from European slopes

iday," he said. However, despite the appeal of North America, France and Austria still dominate the British skiing market, Peter Hardy estimates France has cornered conditions for a solid base of man-made roughly 30 per cent of the market, with Aussnow. But slie added: "The American and holding 20 per cent, and North America's 15 per ceot securing fourth place behind Italy.
With the French domestic market dwin-

dling, a trend among the 800,000 British skiers can provide a significant boost to regions. But among the world's 20 million downhill skiers, this may amount to little more than a snowflake in a blizzard.



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Power station to burn dirty fuel

Nicholas Schoon **Enivronment Correspondent**

A "filthy" fuel made from oil refinery waste, is to be hurnt at Europe's biggest coal-fired power station for a 10-week trial period, the Government's Environment Agency announced

vesterday.
The decision was immediately attacked by the local council and MP. People living around the huge. 2,400 megawatt Drax plant near York are concerned about the plans to burn 30,000 tonnes of petroleum coke, or

percoke, this autumn. Its owner, National Power, says it has to find cheaper ways of running Drax: petcoke could he a solution. As a waste prod-uct it costs less than coal mined nearby which feeds the station.

But petcoke is substantially more polluting than coal. It contains higher levels of sulphur,

'Western Europe's biggest power station is being forced slowly out of business'

which causes acid rain, as well as higher levels of nickel - a potentially hazardous heavy metal - and the rare element vanadium which irritates the lungs and throat.

During the trial the fucl

Drax is Europe's biggest coalfired power stations, and cleanest, because it has £640m worth of anti-pollution equipment. This removes nearly all the sulphur dioxide produced when coal is burnt.

equipment adds to its running costs by up to 10 per cent, according to National Power, So Drax is at a disadvantage compared to gas, nuclear and oth-

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er coal-fired power stations. The result is that a station built to run continuously at full power is being closed down for

more and more hours during periods of low electricity demand when it cannot compete. Western Europe's biggest power station is being forced slowly out of business, slipping down the merit order," said a

National Power spokesman. The company insists that far from substituting for British coal, petcoke might offer the few remaining mines a more secure future by helping keep Drax running for longer hours.

But John Grogan, Labour MP for Selby, said: "It is economic and environmental madness to trial hurn a dirty by-product of American oil refining rather than the much cleaner Selby coal."

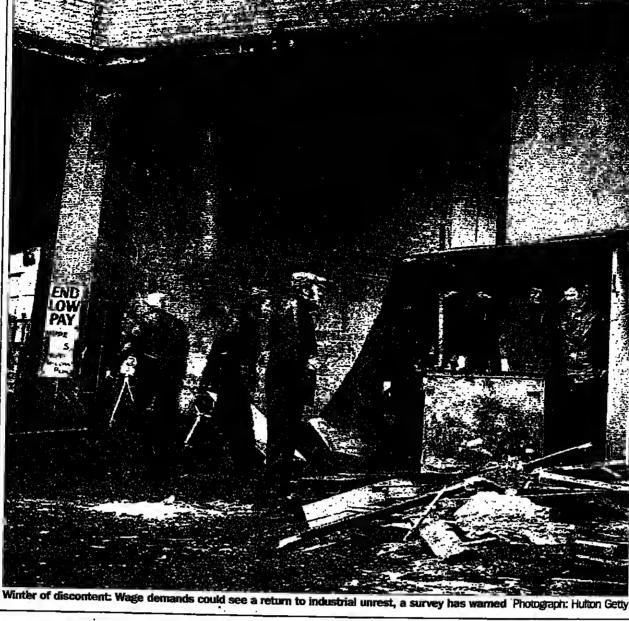
Percoke is hurnt in some British cement and lime kilns as well as being mixed in with some household coal. A few power stations in Europe and the USA already use it. The fuel is difficult to ignite but burns at a

difficult to ignite but burns at a very high temperature.

National Power said there would be no substantial increases in pollution from Drax during the trial, and since it had the pollution-curbing equipment it was the best power station for petcoke. Emissions will be carefully monitored in cooperation with the Environment Agency, which will also examine the environmental threat posed by the station's ash which will contain raised levels which will contain raised levels of nickel and vanadium.

If the trial is a success then National Power is expected to would be mixed with four times apply to the agency for per-as much coal, then consumed in mission to burn petcoke permanently at Drax – although it will always be mixed with coal.

Selby District Council's deputy chief executive Mike White said he had not yet received assurances that the trial would be properly monitored. al is burnt. "We're very disappointed," he But maintaining this complex added. The Environment Agency said hurning petcoke at Drax could be of environmental benefit if it helped the power station out-compete other, dirtier coal-fired stations.



New winter of discontent may be on the way

Labour Editor

A warning by leading employ-ment lawyers that industrial relations may be heading towards the worst "winter of discontent" for years have come under fire

from trade unions.

The TUC, anxious to promote industrial peace and partnership ahead of its annual conference next week, denounced a survey by the solicitors Dibb Lupton Alsop which showed increasing industrial tension as "flawed and irre-

sponsible".'
The report showed that "industrial unrest" had increased for the fifth year running, with 42 per cent of unionised em-

ployers affected in the last year. It comes as leaders of 21,000 employees at the Ford Motor Company yesterday lodged a claim for a "substantial" pay rise and a two-hour cut in the workng week amid predictions that this year's high-profile negoti-ations are likely to be "fraught". Within inflation standing at 3.3 per cent and economists expecting it to move higher, lead-ers of Ford's manual workers

will be expecting a rise well in excess of 4 per cent. The settlement at Ford is al-

tial deals in the wage round and will provide a target for millions of workers in manufacturing.

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Although the present 39-hour week is the longest in the car industry, it is unclear whether Ford workers will be prepared to torego part of their wage rise in order to fund a reduction in working time. The company has always resisted calls to reduce the working week.

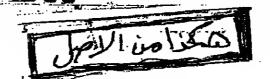
Leaders of the Transport and

General Workers Union and the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union - the largest unions at Ford - also tabled a claim for a job security agreement as part of which manage-ment would agree to try and find alternative work where a job became redundant. Management which has favoured two-year deals in the past, is due to respond to unions next month.

Tony Woodley, chief nego-tiator for the TGWU, said Ford workers' pay had slipped behind employees at other companies by as much as 11 per cent despite "massive improve-

ments" in productivity. Inflation is fuciling an acceleration in pay rises in other parts of industry. Research group Incomes Data Services says well over half of settlements in recent weeks have given rises in the 3 to 4 per cent range.





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She was one of the 150 injured in the suicide

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Jerusalem bombs fail to stop Albright

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Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, is to go shead with her planned Middle East tour next week, despite yesterday's suicide bombs in

Stressing that the United States would not be diverted from its peace efforts in the region, President Bill Clinton said: "It is clear the perpe-trators of this attack intended to kill both innocent people and the peace process itself. They must oot be allowed to succeed

He again called on Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority to "do all it can to create an environment that leaves oo doubt that terror will oot be

Mr Clinton said the bombs, which killed eight people and injured more than 150, made it all the more urgent to revive the peace process and he said this was the message that Mrs Albright would emphasise during her visit. She is due to leave Washingtoo

region as Secretary of State and her first-official visit to Israel.

The decision not to cancel or post-pone the visit represents a shift in Washington's tactics. Until recently, US officials had insisted that the Secretary of State would only visit the region when there was likely to be significant progress in the peace process. However, her delay in going to Israel had aroused criticism from Jewish groops, who com-plained that the administration was starting to distance itself from the

Last week, however, in the middle of President Clinton's holiday, the Secretary of State's visit was suddenly announced, even though Mr Ross had returned without appareotly identifying any signs of progress in relations between Israel and the Palestinian authorities.

Mr Ross's own visit had been postponed for a month after a suicide bombing in Jerusalem which was similar to the one that occurred yester-



day. Officially, it was said the visit had been delayed to allow for an appropriate period of mourning in Israel, but it was also considered unlikely that he would be able to bring the two sides any closer to-

gether in the wake of the attack. Although US officials yesterday declined to draw parallels between

ulate on any Arab motive connected with any planned US diplomatic moves, Mr Clintoo's unambiguous statement that Mrs Albright would still be setting off for the Middle East sends the clear signal that Washing-ton will not allow its efforts to be

United States gave a televisioo io-terview shortly after the bomb attacks were reported, saying he hoped the visit would proceed and placing the blame squarely on Mr Arafat. He said the Palestinian leader had not

fore the last terrorist attack in ing the later stages of the Oslo ac-Jerusalem, the peace process has been virtually moribund since the beginning of the year.

An agreement was reached shortly before Mr Ross's visit that would

cords, that would involve discuss lowed a proposal along similar lines made by the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. It is still not clear how far this indicated progress being made behind the sceoes and

used "his very effective security serbring in American observers to monitor Israeli and Palestinian security vices" to clamp down oo the Hamas grouping. With a few signs of life shortly behow far it was window-dressing arrangements. The US also called for This also appears to be Israel's the two Jerusalem attacks or specaccelerated progress towards fulfill-How Hamas came to deal in death

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implications for Mr Gore, who, until now, has been regarded as virtually guaranteed the presidential nomination in 2000.

icy of armed struggle against Israel, which it combines with the more covert aim of discrediting Within minutes of the explosions Yasser Arafat, leader of the yesterday in Beo Yehuda in Palestinian Authority.

The movement was set up in Jerusalem, the Islamic militant organisation Hamas was claim-1988 in Gaza by Sheikh Ahmed ing that its snicide bombers had carried out the attack. Yassin and six other leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood in It was the latest in a series of the first months of the Palestinian Intifada

suicide bombings carried out by Hamas, which began in April, 1994 when a West Bank Pales-It developed a strong, well-financed infrastructure with its tinian rammed a car filled with explosives into a crowded bus station in Afola in northern Israel killing eight people. -Hamas, an acronym for Movement of Islamic Resis-

own schools, kindergartens, charities, clinics and social services. It aimed to end the Israeli occupation and establish an Islamic state. It wanted to replace the PLO. Mr Arafat's support tance, was a latecomer to a pol- of Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War led by an Israeli settler of 29 Pales- ership controls different cells. their bombing campaign.

Arab Gulf states to finance Hamas, It opposed the PLO's decision to go to the Madrid peace cooference in 1991. The movement also set up its own military wing called the Izzedine

al-Qassem brigades. This wing started making guerrilla attacks from 1992. 10 response Israel expelled 415 fundamentalists, mostly Hamas, to South Lebanon. But Hamas' organisation was not damaged.

The Oslo accords of 1993 might have marginalised Hamas, but they were slowly implemeoted. Hamas portrayed the first suicide bomb at Afula as retaliation for the massacre

tinians in Hebron, Hamas has generally been astute in judging the Palestinian political mood. Its long-term aim is to sabotage the peace agreements, but it is tactically agile in its own interests.

The suicide bombs io early 1996 destroyed the last Israeli government. Hamas seemed split between the leadership in Gaza and the leaders abroad, notably in Jordan. The former were distraught at seeing their social organisations closed down: the latter called for more attacks. Hamas is deceotralised - Sheikh Yassin has been in an Israeli prisoo since 1989 - and

not clear how far the lead-

Ever since Israel started to build a new settlement at Har Homa in Jerusalem, Hamas and Mr Arafat's Palestinian Authority have started to come together. Mr Amfat publicly embraced its leader, Abd al-Aziz Rantisi, in Gaza, to the rage of Israelis.

An opinioo poll in July showed that Hamas has 11 per ccot support in Gaza and the West Bank, but the circle of sympathisers is probably larger. It is doubtful if Mr Arafat bas the political strength to arrest and hold in prison a thousand or more Hamas militants, which

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Funding inquiry threatens Gore's future

Patrick Cockburn

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Clouds appeared to be gather-ing over Vice-President Al Gore's political future following a Justice Department decision to institute a formal review of his involvement in possibly illegal fund-raising during last year's presidential election campaign. The review, announced late on Wednesday, sets a 30-day period within which the Attornev General, Janet Reno, must decide whether to appoint an independent prosecutor to in-

vestigate the case. Allegations have been mounting about illegal fundraising by leading Democrats, up to and including President Bill Clinton. Until this week, however, Ms Reno had resisted pressure to appoint an independent counsel arguing that the evidence was insufficient. Congressional hearings on party funding, which resumed this week, have shown dibious fund-raising by both political

In the past few days, howev er, evidence came to light about Al Gore's activities suggesting he may not only have broken the law, but tried to dissemble the fact. Newspapers published details of 47 phone calls be made from his office in the White House to solicit fuods. The calls had been charged to the White House, Mr Gore had earlier said be 'might have' made 'a few' such calls and they had been charged to his credit card. It is against the rules to solicit party funds from federal property because this is seen as using state office for party

political purposes. It also emerged that at least \$150,000 he personally raised went directly into election funds, which are subject to a limit of £20,000 per person.

A review could have serious

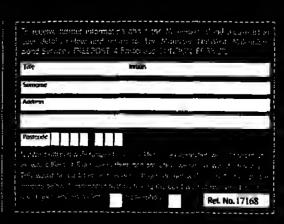
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China finds Hong Kong hard to swallow

Mainlanders think new compatriots are 'stuck up'

According to the uniquitous posters put up by the Hong Kong government, the former British colony has now returned to the embrace of the motherland. But that does not answer the question of who is running what, particularly in southern

China, just across the border. Hong Kong's influence seems to be all-pervasive here. Most families keep their televisions tuned to Hong Kong channels, restaurants evoke a Hong Kong connection to suggest a better quality of food and service. and Hong Kong fashions, rock stars and all forms of popular culture, are everywhere.

The former British colony accounts for three-quarters of foreign investment in the province. Some 50,000 Hong Koog companies employ around five millioo workers in the region, far more than the three million workers they em-

ploy back home. Travelling to the provincial capital of Guangzhou from the border opens up a panorama of Hoog Kong influence. The highway connecting the two places was built by the ebullient Gordoo Wu, a Hong Kong

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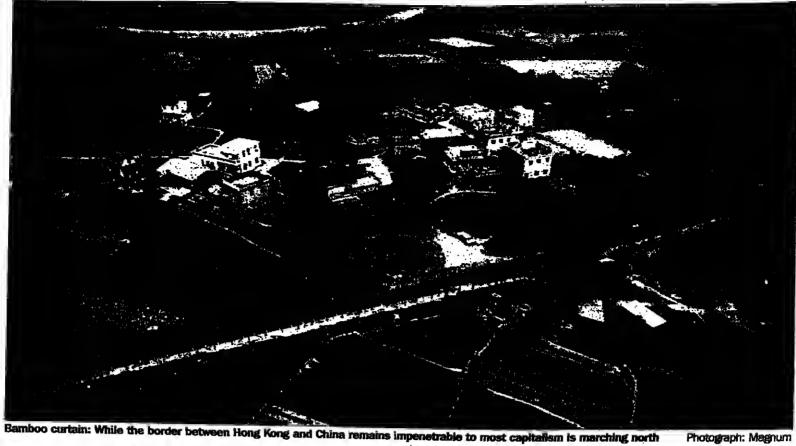
into affection. The people of Guangdong Province (better known as Cantoo) ofteo appear to have the same attitude towards their Hong Kong neigh-bours as wartime Britons had of American soldiers: over-sexed, over-paid and all too ofteo over

They recognise Hongkongers are oeeded, but that does oot necessarily make them welcome, with their flashy Rolex watches, their "second wives" across the border and their know-it-all manner.

At the Rock'o'Roll Club, in Guangzhou, the epitome of a Hong Kong-style fashionable disco, a young man who calls himself "Jimmy" is dismissive of the Hong Kong people. He uses a Chinese expression to de-scribe them which roughly translates as being "stuck up".

"They think we're rustic people," he complains. But, he asks, "what they do they know,

except money? Yet in many ways he wants to be like his compatriots. He likes Hong Koog fashions, has purchased a flat and aspires to more or less everything a typi-cal Hongkonger aspires to. It's



just Hong Kong people he can't stand. He accuses them of lack-ing knowledge of things Chinese

and being too westernised. These views tend to lurk be-neath the surface. In a host of other ways Guangdong and Houg Kong are coming closer together. The linguistic link is crucial. Officially, the whole of

tonghua, "the common people's language". In reality, regional dialects or languages are showing a tenacity for survival which defies the intentions of central

In Guangdong the use of Cantonese has been greatly reinforced by cultural influences coming from Hong Kong. The China is supposed to speak Pu-

compete with stations from Hong Kong, have switched to Cantonese. Local officials who are supposed to speak only in Putonghua while on duty quickswitch to Cantonese in an

attempt to gain public support.
As standards of living improve in Guangdong, the similarity in lifestyle grows by the day. Sometimes it is difficult to

part of a Communist state. But the prosperity which is evident in Guangzhou sooo peters out the oorthern parts of the

Last month there were reports of rioting in Beixiang vilge, some 150 miles north of the city. Farmers besieged local officials, whom they accused of short-changing them in pay-ments for grain. This was both a reminder of continuing state control over agriculture and the readiness of local people to

While the rest of the coun try was swept by the 1989 democracy protests, Guang-dong more or less kept its head down. The province may be guilty of the "spiritual pollution" which the Communist Party is busy fighting, but it shows few signs of being engaged in "counter-revolutionary activity",

a rather more serious matter. Hong Kong, however, is also the source of counter-revolutionary information and, if the more paranoid Chinese leaders are to be believed, counter revolutionary activity. Access to the

For the time being, this in-formation does not appear to have any damaging impact on the Communist Party's cootrol of the province. But there may be a price to pay. It is hard to reconcile the high level of propaganda about Hong Kong's return to the motherland, and the turn to the motherland, and the preservatioo of its capitalist

mer colony should not be extended to the rest of China. For the time being, double-

digit economic growth and enormous improvements in the standard of living are helping to keep subversive thoughts at

However, as the Chinese Communist Party knows all too well, Guangdong has beeo a hotbed of revolution before. As it grows apart from the rest of Hong Kong media ensures that the freedoms and rights ac- sistance, it may return to its



ter informed about world and Chinese affairs than the rest of

system, with an insistence that

Guangdong people are far bet- corded to the people of the for- former role. The iron curtain that is keeping a united

Since I July, China's red, fivestar flag has flown on both sides of the border between Hong Kong and the mainland state. But the flags may tell one story; the barbed wire fences tell quite another.

Hong Kong's incorporation into the People's Republic of China emphatically does oot mean free movement between the former colony and its new

sovereign state.

Oo the contrary, movement remains tightly controlled, with some 500 Hong Kong policemen and a great deal of sophisticated equipment deployed to keep the border secure against an influx of illegal immigrants from the Chinese mainland.

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"This is one country, two sys-tems in practice," says senior in-spector Charles Parker, occ of the officers responsible for border security, referring to the formula under which the former British colony has been reunit-ed with China.

In theory, it provides for the preservation of Hong Kong's capitalist system, while China retains its allegedly socialist sys-

But at the border, the slogan is more concrete: it means the preservation of a 10ft-high, 25-mile long fence topped with two rows of barbed wire. Sensors on the fence alert a central control room if anyone touches it. At night, the cotire area basks in a harsh floodlit glare. Exchanges between the po-

lice forces are cordial, yet, despite coming under a single sovereign state, the forces do not conduct joint operations, their officers are not allowed to directly contact their counterparts oo the other side of the border and they never stray into each other's territory in pursuit of law breakers.

Equipped with the latest human detection technology and full backing from the Hong Kong and Chinese govern-ments, the police are holding the line against the territory's ul-

timate nightmare: an invasioo of poor and desperate Chinese mainlanders.

For its part the Chinese governmeot is also keen to ensure that its people are not "cor-rupted" or "spiritually polluted"

nation worlds apart

by Hong Kong.

The authorities therefore have a strong interest in keeping China's newest piece of real estate apart from the old

properties.
On the Hong Kong side of the border, the last remnants of the territory's farming communities work the land. On the Chinese side, vast steel and glass skyscrapers crowd the new city of Shenzhen. It looks as though the Chinese side is the land of opportunity; but the thousands of desperate illegal immigrants clearly take

another view. Despite the high risks of de-

Land of revolution Canton was traditionally insulated from much revolutionary activity in

Neither the Taiping rebellion of 1850s, which devastated much of southern China, nor the Boxer uprisings at the turn of the century brought much more than ripples.

But for a short period from 1905, Canton was the centre of revolutionary activity in China. There were six attempted coups, all planned from Hong Kong; all of which

The last revolutionary

effort was in 1911. It was another failure, this time nvotving temble bloodshed, and it effectively dampened. Cantonese revolutionary

tection and the likelihood of be-ing detained after arrival, thou-sands of mainland Chinese still take a gamble and attempt to smuggle themselves into Hong Kong. Some are lured by the tremendous outpouring of propaganda about China's resumption of sovereignty over

Yet they are far from welcome. They face heavy-duty border cootrols which were intensified during the period of the handover of power.

Hong Kong.

The land border crossing is mainly for the young and fit. Older and less agile would-be immigrants sometimes try to get in by attaching themselves to the undercarriages of the big trucks which rumble across the border at the rule of some 22 000 per at the rate of some 22,000 per day. Some are seriously injured as they fall from the vehicles. Illegal immigrants are safer

and more likely to succeed if they are smuggled in by sea and the so-called snake heads, who make a living by smuggling Chinese into Hong Kong, teod to prefer this method.

Of the 23,180 illegals who were appreheoded for being in Hong Kong last year, less than a quarter were caught at the land border. The rest either es-

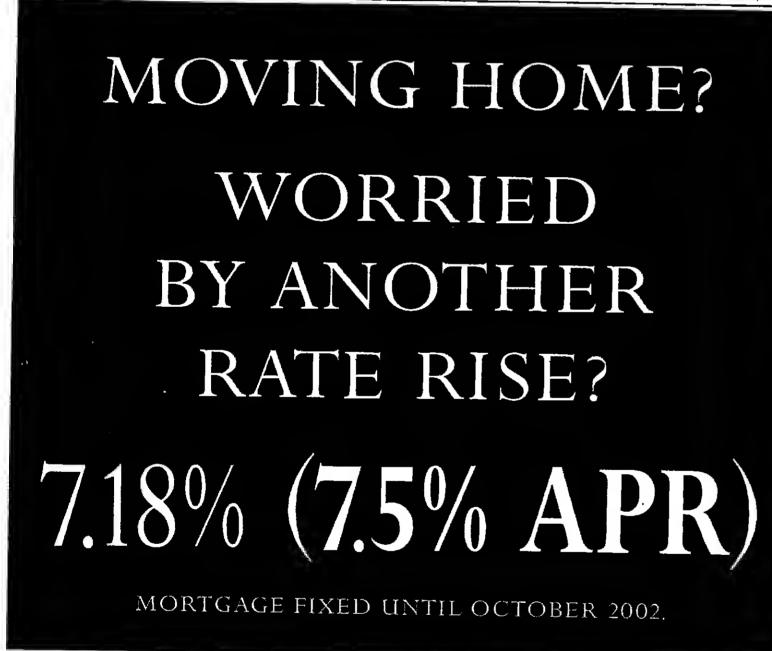
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can only dream of coming to Hong Kong, as many as 200,000 people walk across the border at Lo Wu duriog weekends, while oo weekdnys as many as 140,000 make the crossing.

This legal traffic is largely one way, involving Hong Kong residents going to work in China, visiting their so called "second" families or just crossing to ond" families or just crossing to take advantage of the cheaper prices for more or less everything in China.

No wonder that the free movement of Hong Kong residents sparks resentment among mainlanders. Chinese citizeos are not even allowed into the border town of Shenzhen without a permit.

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Malaysia hits out at 'economic saboteurs'

Malaysia vesterday announced draconian measures against speculators, as the Malaysian inggit fell to its lowest-ever level against the dollar. One trader talked nf "total exodus"

There were suggestions that local speculators may be ar-rested for economic "sabotage", under the terms of Malaysia's Internal Security Act.

At the same time, a Canadian inumalist was sentenced to jail for contempt of court, in connection with an article which caused offence to a senior judge.

The government blamed "commic saboteurs" for the

collapse of the ringgit and for the recent heavy falls on the stock market which has lost 40 per cent of its value this year. The Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad, has publicly described George Soros, the bestknown player of markets in the world, as a "moron". Blaming foreigners for Malaysia's new economic woes, he complained: We cannot allow ourselves to be dictated to by external parties." The government's measures

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a programme to buy back stocks from foreigners at market prices instead nf at a premium from locals. Mr Mahathir made no bones about the significance of the new measures, saying: "We have decided on retaliation."

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, was in Malaysia last week on a four-country tour of South East Asia, boasting of the good commercial links between Britain and Malaysia, while insisting, too, nn the paramnunt importance of human rights. He approvingly quoted the fact that Mr Mahathir had talked about feeling "comfortable" with Britain.

But Mr Mahathir and the Malaysians have made it clear in recent days that that "comfortable" relationship can also be accompanied by a snarl. Things are not as bad as during the "Buy British Last" campaign, which Mr Mabathir launched in the 1980s, but this is not an easy partnership.

Mr Cook left Malaysia confident his message had been heard and even accepted. Bur-

include limiting ringgit swaps to ma, he said, would not be in-\$2m to foreign customers, and vited to the Asia-Europe Meetvited to the Asia-Europe Meeting in London in April. Mr Cook said the track record of Burma's regime meant Burmese ministers could not be granted visas

But Mr Mahathir promptly hit back, saying any discrimination against Burma would be "discrimination against Asean". Britain is keen to woo Asean

(the Association of Sonth-East Asian Nations). A collective snuh by Asean, which Malaysia seems to be encouraging, would have disastrous implications for Mr Cook's own credibility.

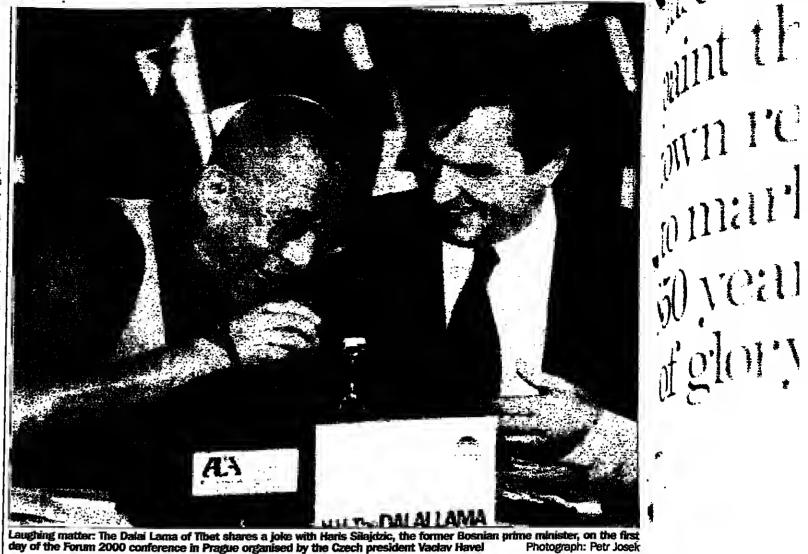
Mr Mahathir had aiready delivered his first snub while Mr Cook was on his trip to South-East Asia. In a speech in the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, Mr Cook emphasised the universality and timelessness of human rights - a coded criticism of his hosts. Mr Mahathir argued recently in favour of modifying the United Nations declaration on human rights, saying that it had been "formulated by superpowers, which did not understand the needs of poor countries". The Malaysian

foreign minister insisted that it was "very difficult to have one common yardstick which is universally applicable".

Murray Hiebert, a Kuala Lumpur-based journalist with the respected Far Eastern Economic Review, was yesterday re-leased on bail, after being given a three-month jail sentence for an article entitled "See You in Court". The article referred to a bizarre case in which a judge's wife sued her son's school for dropping him from the school debating team. The Review article noted that the boy was the son of a judge, and implied that the case had moved quickly through the courts.

Mr Hiebert's lawyer said his client was a foreigner, and that writing about local laws was not an easy task. He also said the Review had offered to correct "errors" in Mr Hiebert's article. Malaysia has been one of

the most envied of the Asian "tiger economies" in recent years. Economic growth has averaged more than 8 per cent over the past decade and its GDP per capita is now higher than Britain's.



Embattled Kohl

seeks religious relief for his ills

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and senior members of his government retreated to a Benedictine monastery in Bavaria yesterday, seeking a brief moment of tranquillity away from the hattles of the Cabinet.

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After a month of endless rows, Mr Kohl entered the sanctum demonstratively hugging his turbulent Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, who had brought the government to the brink of collapse by suggesting that its members had run out of

On the Chancellor's other side walked Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Prime Minister, who seems determined to sink Mr Kohl's most cherished project, European monetary union.

Mr Waigel heads the Christian Social Union, the party to

which Mr Stoiber belongs.
The CSU is in effect the Bavarian sister party of Mr Kohl's Christian Democrats, forming a joint bloc in the Bundestag in Bonn. But there ne similarities end. Despite their alliance, he

three men are pulling in thee directions, to the great deliht

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Mr Waigel and at the same me scupper monetary union. Mr Waigel is thus compiled to protect his Bavarian bak by

trying to be as tough with Mr Kohl as his rival in Munich. The result is confusion, trife, and the lowest poll rating fir the Chancellor in years. If elections were heat to-

morrow, the Social Democrats and Greens would blov Eirope's longest-serving leader But elections are a year awa;

and the Big Three voiced that determination yesterday to pt an end to their squabbles an start afresh.

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Fireman's burning ambition

A German fireman admitted lighting fires because he was bored and enjoyed being praised for helping put them out. The volunteer firefighter was arrested and charged with arson for causing millions of dollars' damage. Authorities were investigating 70 fires started north of Düsseldorf during the past three years.

Reuters – Düsseldorf

Bus crash leaves 33 dead

Thirty-three people were killed and 40 injured when two huses collided in north-west Turkey on the main highway between Ankara and Istanbul. Reuters - Ankara

Dim view in disputed territory

Japanese right-wingers said a homemade lighthouse which sparked a row over ownership of the Senkaku islands, claimed by China, Taiwan and Japan, had mysteriously been pulled down. It coincided with a visit by the Japanese Prime Minister, Ryutarn Hashimoto, to China, where the dispute will be discussed. Reuters - Tokyo

Dead weird

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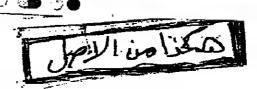
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Muscovites paint the town red to mark 850 years of glory

Phil Reeves

Moscow will today lannch into prove that it is no longer the citadel of world Communism but a vibrant commercial captal, attractive to tomists and international investors alike. The events, as lavish as the most grandiose of Soviet-era festiviies, officially mark the city's 850th anniversary, but they have as much to do with the ambitions of its mayor, Yuri

Ignoring the trifling fact that oo ooe knows the precise date of Moscow's founding (1147 is the first time it is mentioned in manuscripts), Mr Luzhkov has tirelessly hectored the capital into mounting the biggest facelift in its history. Last night, workmen were still frantically bling, grime-covered, buildings. Patriotic posters, Russian flags, and "I Love You Moscow" ban-

As he bestrides the internatiooal stage, the mayor - who has invited no fewer than 55 foreign delegations to his show -

1147 (ish): Small outpost stablished on the banks of the marshy Moscow River.

The name derives from an

1223: The Mongols invade.

They dominate Russia for

the next 250 years and, in

1382: burn Moscow to the

325-40: The reign of

"Moneybags" Ivan I. He

Orthodox Church moves

west from Vladimir to the

city. 1370: The Lithuanians lay

siege to Moscow, but are

strengthened Kremlin wall 1453: Constantinopie falis

to the Turks, releasing the

Russian Orthodox Church from Byzantine control.

Within a decade, Ivan the Great declares Moscow the "Third Rome", the new

Romanov dynasty." 1712: Peter the Great, who

hated the place, moves the capital to St Petersburg.

1812: Napoleon's troops

invade. Most of the city is

French beat a retreat.

1918: Lenin restores the

the Soviet Union.

Mikhaii Gorbachev.

1997: The 850th

1993: More tanks, after

to bombard parliament.

to take it.

destroyed by fire when the

1825: The Bolshoi Theatre

city's status as capital, after more than two centuries. This

time, it was at the heart of the

world's first Communist state,

1941: Hitler's troops reach

the edge of the city, but fail

1991: Tanks on the streets, after a failed coup against

Bons Yeltsin sends in troops

centre of Orthodoxy. 1613: Mikhail Romanov is elected Tsar, beginning the

unable to scale the recently

chooses to live in Moscow, and the seat of the

ground.

old Slavic word meaning

his performance. Like Mr Luzhkov himself - who, at 60, still expects his staff to play football with him before work-the programme is loud, flambovant. Russian Orthodox streak.

A fire-breathing mechanical dragon, controlled from a cockpit in its head, will perform a Russian folk tale in Red Square. There will be fireworks, parades, ballet, choirs, speeches and a performance by Luciano Pavarotti. In the giant Olympic stadium, a laser light show will oduce a giant vision of the Virgin Mary, above a flock of

All this is vintage Luzhkov. In the last five years, the former party apparatchik has turned himself into a big city boss. Al-though he routinely denies it, few doubt he is laying the turf for a run at the presidency when Mr Yeltsin stands down. History has not always been

kind to Moscow over the centuries. It has been sacked by Mongols, demoted by Peter Great, occupied by Napoleon, and almost invaded by Hitler. But now its fortunes

same unrelenting wall of semi-derelict, fifthy high-rise apart-ment blocks that ringed the city in Soviet times. But hundreds of boutiques, offices blocks, casinos and cafés have arrived in the centre, driving office rents above those of New York. This is good news for Mr Luzhkov, the city still has a stake in almost all of Moscow's real

These days, the skyline is dominated by the gold-plated dome of Mr Luzhkov's pet proect, the rebuilt Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, which was blown up by Stalin.

The mayor's arm-twisting skills ensured that businesses -

Eight centuries of the 'wet' city

ploughed millions into the project, which was build at a breakanother of his proud boasts: the new three-storey underground shopping mall beside the Krem lin walls, soon to be filled by chic

Western franchises. Not everyone approves. Little love is lost between Moscow and the provinces. Although only 7 per cent of the 147 milissians live in the capital, it holds 80 per cent of its wealth and almost two-thirds of its for-

Provincial Russians blame the centre for a multitude of sios, from failing to pay wages to ig-noting the collapse of their in-dustries. Although a third of the

images of a city:

A woman (above) with a banner bearing the

likeness of Vladimir Lenin, the founder of

Soviet Russia, whose

capital in 1918, two

centuries after it was

usurped by Peter the

of government to St

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Great, who loathed the lace and moved the sea

burg in 1712.

St Basil's Cathedral (left)

has revived following the

Orthodox Church which

the dissolution of the

Soviet Union.

mummified body lies in

state in Moscow, Lenin

restored Moscow as the



money spent on the 850th jubilee gratulatory binge with public is from private sponsors, the rest money will not bring much de-

light. Some Muscovites have also Televisioo pictures of complained, pointing out that Moscow going on a self-con- the city-where the average pay

said Irina Mikhleva, a media researcher, "Wby don't they spend the money on rebuilding the

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Viktor Frankl

The Austrian psychiatrist and psychotherapist Viktor Frankl is best known for tracing suffering to a failure to find meaning and a sense of responsibility in life. He once said that the meaning of his life was to help others find the meaning in theirs. The Will to Meaning (1969) is the title of one of his

He was born in Vienna in 1905. The house he first lived in was diagonally across the street from where the psy-chotherapist Alfred Adler had fived for a time. Thus, Frankl mused, the hirth of his logotherapy, the "third Vienness school of psychotherapy", Freud's being the first, took place near that of the "second" Viennese schnol - Adler's "individual psychology".
Frankl's father worked his

way up from parliamentary stenographer to director at the Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs. He was to die in the Theresienstadt concentration camp from starvation and pneumonia. Frankl's mother was descended from a Prague pa-trician family. Among her ancestors was the 12th-century Jewish Bible and Talmud scholar Rashi, and Rabhi Low of Prague. She was gassed at Auschwitz.

Frankl wrote in his Recollections: an autobiography (1995) that he decided to become a physician at three years old. At about the age of four he was "startled by the unexpected thought" that one day he would have in die. What troubled him then, as it did throughout his life, was not the fear of dying, but the "question of whether the transitory nature of life might destroy its meaning". Eventu-ally he decided that it did not, because nothing from the past is irretrievably lost ... Whatever we have done, or created, whatever we have learned and experienced - all of this we have delivered into the past. There



is no one, and nothing, that can

undo it." He was still in high school

when his childhood wish to hecome a physician became more focused and, under the influence of psychoanalysis, he be-came interested in psychiatry. He saw his talent as a psychia-trist as related to a "gift" he had as a cartoonist. As a cartoonist, he said he could "spot the weaknesses" in a person. But as a psychiatrist, or "rather as a psychotherapist", he could see beyond the actual weaknesses" and "recognise intuitively some possibilities for overcoming those weaknesses". He could see the "potential for discovering a meaning" hehind someone's misery, and thus turn "an apparently meaningless suffering into a genuine human achievement. He believed that this was the core of his approach

to psychotherapy, which came to be known as logotherapy. Still in his teens, Frankl became interested in philosophy and started to lecture on the meaning of life. He formed a relationship with Alfred Adler, but fell out with him within a few years. Aside from his medical degree, Frankl also had a doctorate in philosophy. His "dear colleagues in Vienna", he com-

mented, "instead of saving Frankl is twice a doctor", would say "he is only half a physician".

He began his private practice of psychiatry and neurology in 1937, and soon became the chief of neurology at the Rothschild Hospital in Vienna. He waited for years until his quota number to emigrate in the United States came up. Finally, shortly before Pearl Harbor, the American Consulate gave him a visa. He knew his parents were fated in he deported to a concentration camp. The visa applied only to him. Should he leave them behind? He took a walk and awaited a "hint from heaven". At home his father had picked a piece of marble from the rubble of a burnt-down synagogue. On it was chiselled part of the Ten Commandments, in particular a letter that could have come only from the commandment "Honour thy father and thy mother". Frankl decided to let the visa

While still in Vienna he met his first wife, Tilly Grosser. They were among the last Vi-ennese Jews to get permission from the National Socialist authorities to wed. Jews were forhidden to have children even if they were married, and Tilly had to sacrifice the foetus she was carrying Franki's book The Un-heard Cry For Meaning (1978) was dedicated to their unborn child. Nine months after marry-

ing, in 1942, they were at the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Tilly had a two-year exemption from transfer to Auschwitz as she was working in a munitions factory, which was important to the war effort. However, Viktor was called up for "Transport East" - which they knew meant Auschwitz. He tried to persuade her not to join his transport. However, without

his knowledge she volunteered.

She went on the train with him

to Auschwitz - and died there.

Mengele selected him for the left queue, headed for the gas chambers. However, Frankl recognised no one in that queue. He saw a few of his young colleagues in the right queue, and switched to it behind Mengele's back. At the time be did nnt know he had saved his

In the camp he survived a typhus infection. He came to be-lieve that those inmates who "were oriented toward the future, toward a meaning waiting to be fulfilled" were more likely to survive. He believed he owed his own survival in part to his resolve to reconstruct a manuscript he had written be-fore Auschwitz, and lost there - a book he later called The Doctor and the Soul (1945).

He spent a total of three years in four camps. At a lecture after the war he said:

after the war he said:
I repeatedly tried to distance myself from the misery that surrounded me by externalising it. I remember marching one morning from the camp to the work site, hardly able to bear the hunger, the cold, and pain of my frozen and festering feet, so swellen . . . My situation seemed bleak, even hopeless. Then I imagined that I stood at a lectern in a large, beautiful, warm and bright hall. I was about to give a lecture to an interested audience on "Psychotheraneutic Experiences in to an interested audience on
"Psychotherapeutic Experiences in
a Concentration Camp" (the actual
title I later used . .). In the imagiuary lecture I reported the things I
am now living through. Believe me,
ladies and gentlemen, at that moment
I could uni dare to hope that some
day it was to be my good fortune to
actually give such a lecture.

As well as losing his parents and wife in the camps, he also lost a brother in Auschwitz. A sister, who had gone to Australia, survived. After the war he served for 25 years as head of a neurology department at the Viennese Polyclinic Hospital.

He dictated his best-known book, Man's Search for Meaning (1945). In nine days, and Eleonore Schwindt (one daugh-published it at first anony-mously. Translated into 24 Ian-

At Auschwitz, Dr Joseph guages, it distils Franki's approach to psychotherapy. He wrote that he had wanted to "convey to the reader by way of concrete example that life holds a potential meaning under any cooditions, even the most miscrable ones. He wished to demonstrate the point in a situation "as extreme as that in a concentration camp". If he wrote down what he had gone through "it might he helpful to people who are prone to despair". He believed that life holds a potential meaning

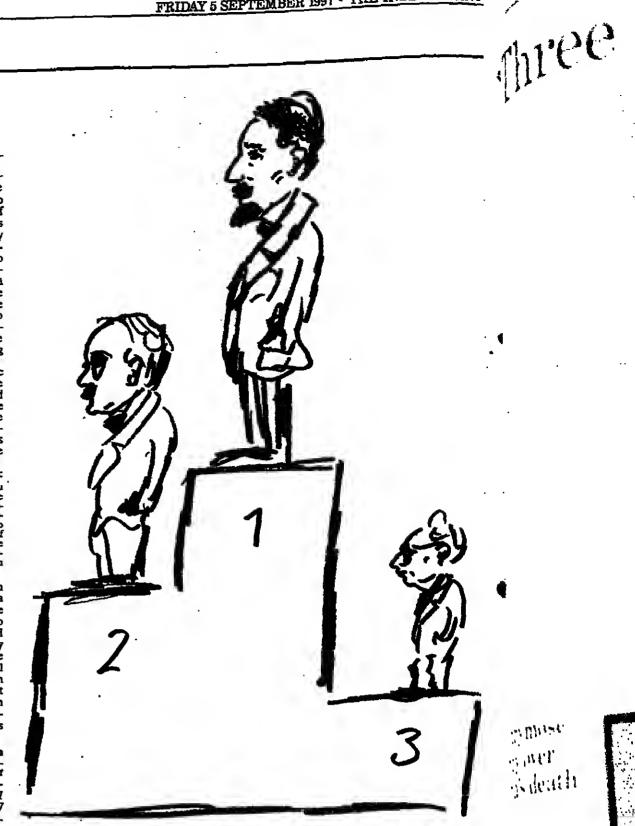
under any conditions.
One of his logotherapeutic maxims is "Live as if you were already living for the second time, and as if you had made the mistakes you are about to make now. This "fictive autohiographical view of ooe's life" is meant to heighten one's sense of responsibility.

He admonished his students:

Don't aim at success - the more you Don't aim at success—the more you aim at it and make it a target, the more you are going to miss it. For success, like happiness, cannot be pursued. It must ensue, and it does so only as the unintended side effect of one's personal dedication to a cause then meatif or it has be greater than oneself or as the hy-product of surrender to a person other than oneself . . .

While being forced to march in a concentration camp, a thought "transfixed" him. He "saw the truth as it is set into song by many poets, proclaimed as the final wisdom by so many thinkers. The truth - that love is the ultimate and highest goal to which man can aspire." Then he "grasped the greatest secret that human poetry and human thought and belief have to impart: the salvation of man is through love and in love".

Morton Schatzman Viktor Emil Frankl, psychiatrist and psychotherapist born Vienna 26 March 1905; married 1941 Tilly Grosser (deceased), 1947



Freud (1), Adler (2) and Franki (3): Franki's cartoon of the three

Diana Kirkbride-Helbaek

Diana Kirkbride-Helback was one of the last surviving grandes dames amongst British archaeologists who explored the Middle East in the early postcolonial years. Her death marks almost the end of a generation of formidable women whose contributions to the archaeology of western Asia were milestones. Her remarkable career oaries as Dorothy Garrod and Dame Kathleen Kenyon, whose discoveries were among the most important in archaeological scholarship at mid-century.

Diana Kirkbride grew up in Southampton and Norfolk and attended Wycombe Abbey School in High Wycombe, Dur-ing the Second World War, she served in the Women's Royal Naval Service; some of that time er problems. Kirkbride looked was spent in Southampton. where the WRNS hase included a small library. A classic work on ancient Egypt inspired her decision to make archaeology her life's work. Lacking a first degree, but excused from it because of her war service, she pursued full-time study of Egyptology at University Col-lege Lundon, notaining a

postgraduate diploma in 1950. Yet it was western Asiatic archaeology which would emerge as her métier. She studied Mesopotamian archaeology under Sir Max Mallowan and Palestinian archaeology under Dame Kathleen Kenyon at the Institute of Archaeology, which was then an independent institution unrelated to University College. Mallowan and Keny-

After only one year of study in brief flirtation with Assyrian archaeology in 1951, Kirkbride went to work as a site supervisor at Kenyon's excavation of: Jericho. She remained a key member of the Jericho project from 1952 to 1955, having been

ject was a benchmark for controlled stratigraphic excavation in Palestine (a region which Sir called "the land of archaeological sin"). Jericho launched the careers of a generation of British archaeologists who dis-persed across western Asia to explore other regions and oth-

eastward. In 1953, she formed a crucial alliance with the then director of the Jordanian Department of Antiquities, Gerald Lankester Harding, who took her on as a staff member. With Lankester Harding's guidance, she began a series of important field projects in Jordan. Among the first was what she would later say was her proudest achievement: the restoration of the South Theatre at Roman Jerash. It was a stunning task for an archaeologist with only a few

years of experience. Months of work ensued, during which time Kirkbride oversaw the construction of ramps, scaffolding, the cleaning of massive rubble from passageways and the reconstruction of nn became influential mentors. columns and amphitheatre was a first look at what was was appointed Director of the

seats. Today the restored Egypt on a small grant, and a theatre is a central tourist attraction of Jordan and an annual arts festival is held there.

In 1956 her attention turned itself but soon began to explore the Palaeolithic and Neolithic charged with responsibility for sites in the area. In the 1950s. the excavation of the many the early prehistory of southern At the time, the Jericho pro- indeed most of the archaeology of the region (apart from Petra itself) was an unmapped landscape. Kirkbride's discov-Mortimer Wheeler had once eries in the area began with the called "the land of archaeolog- excavation of a small late Palaeolithic rock shelter called Wadi

Madamagh.
Not far from the shelter and only a few miles from Petra she discovered a small low ruin of Neolithic remains. The name of the site was Beidha. In 1958, with the backing of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, she began to excavate there and continued to do so until 1967. During this period she often spent many mooths alone in Petra, save for the Bedouin, who had become trusted friends (and who still speak of her fondly to any archaeologists passing through). The excavation of Beidha

caused great excitement in the world of western Asiatic prehistory in the 1960s, for several reasons. Beidha was revealed as a small but impressive Noolithic village of the late eighth and early seventh millennia BC, in an arid setting of marginal rainfall and modest sources of permanent water. It about the same time, Kirkbride

called at the time a "desert

Neolithic" phenomenon. Kirkbride's excavation (unlike Kenyon's) emphasised broad exposures and recovery to the Petra region of southern
Iordan. She excavated at Petra
itself but soon began to explore

of as much of the village layout
as possible. This provided scholars with a window on how a Neolithic village looked as a whole; more crucially, it permitted observation of variations between household "workshops" seemingly specialised in the production of heads and other crafts. Finally, Beidha contained a remarkable sequence of superimposed levels which gave the hest evidence yet of how Neolithic vernacular architecture developed.

Such observations were made possible by Kirkbride's excavation of more than 70 per cent of the site, a sharp contrast to Kenyon's approach, which emphasised very fine stratigraphic control but in much smaller trenches, thus providing little information on village layout. It is a halancing act familiar to all archaeologists, but in certain re-spects time has been kinder to Kirkbride's broad area excavation approach, provided the tight stratigraphic controls can be maintained.

One member of the Beidha field team was a Danish archaeobotanist named Hans Helback, a scholar who had already begun a lifelong project of the study of plant domesti-cation in western Asia. At the end of the 1960s, Helback and Kirkbride were married. At

British School of Archaeology

From her new base in Baghdad, she began a new series of explorations in northern Mesopotamia, which resulted in important discoveries at another Neolithic site, this one called Umm Dabaghiyah, Here Kirkbride-Helback exposed an enigmatic but extensive series of may have served as storage facilities for a herding population, or, as she believed, a hunting

In the late 1970s, she left the Middle East to live in Denmark. By then she had lived in Jordan for almost 20 years and conducted excavations and surveys in Lebanon, Cyprus and Turkey. Among many honours she received in recognition of her work were Oxford University's Gerald Avery Wainwright Fellowship in Near Eastern Archaeology and the Fellowship of the Society of Antiquaries.

Even after the death of ber husband in the late 1970s and after Diana Kirkbride-Helback herself had suffered a stroke. she continued to conduct fieldwork. In 1983 she returned to Beidha for one more season of excavations. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, despite increasing problems with her health, she continued to work, collaborating with younger scholars on the final publications on Beidha and Umm Dabaghiyah and planning new

excavations in Wadi Rumm. On frequent visits to London, she held court in the lounge of the University Womeo's Club in

Mayfair, where, over drinks and hors d'oeuvres, she entertained colleagues and friends with oews, gossip, amusing stories and arguments about the Neolithic.

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The plans for excavation of Nabataean temple in Wadi Rumm were a central theme of those years. She had written to a major funding body asking for a grant to begin the excavations. The grant body wrote back that, in view of her advanced years and her health, she would be required to take out additional insurance providing for special transport in the event that she should become seriously ill or die whilst in the field.

Quaking with laughter, she recounted this tale with the observation that the reviewers were simply too young and inexperienced to evaluate properly either the application or her

stamina. In 1988, several of us accompanied her to the Jerash arts festival, where a performance of Rigoletto was staged in the South Theatre. She had not been back to the theatre in vears and had never seen a play or an opera performed in it. As dusk fell, and the music rose, she shifted in her seat and looked up and around at the setting. Quietly, and almost to herself, she said: "Restored, and now in use. Who would have thought it could ever happen?"

Katherine L. Wright Diana Kirkbride, archaeologist: born 22 October 1915; married

Hans Helback (deceased): died

Aarhus, Denmark 13 August 1997.

Noel Henderson

Noel Henderson represented what now seems a better, more golden era for the game of rugby in Ireland. Outside his playing career he left an indelible mark on rugby as a selector and administrator.

He will perhaps be best remembered for his role in the 9-6 win over Australia at Lansdowne Road in January 1959. a landmark victory in that it constituted Ireland's first win over a touring international side from the southern hemisphere. Taking a pass from Davey He-

witt on the half-way line, and with all of Ireland willing him on. Henderson completed a famous try which sealed Ireland's win.

Henderson was universally regarded within the game as nne of its most personable characters. Forever in a good mood, friendly, approachable and with a ready wit, he was nne of the dominant personalities in Irish

rughy in the last half-century. He was educated at Foyle Col-

ent as a strong-running, hard-tackling centre outside of Jackie Kyle first came to prominence. Kyle was a lifelong friend, and Henderson would subsequently marry his sister, Betty, herself a distinguished Irish international hockey player.

Henderson's international rugby career began before his 21st hirthday, in February 1949, with Ireland's 13-3 win over Scotland at Murrayfield. He had hroken into what was probably

in St Helen's Swansea, a fort-night later, enabled Ireland to retain both the Triple Crown and the championship.

Despite being restricted to just one appearance in the 1950 Five Nations Championship, Henderson was chosen for the subsequent Lions tour of Australia and New Zealand later that summer, under Karl Mullen. He played in the third test against New Zealand on the

ministrator, 81; Mr Kevin McNamara

championship, only being de-nied another Triple Crown and Grand Slam by a 3-3 draw with Wales in Cardiff, Henderson's contribution to that campaign was crucial for he scored drop goals in both the 9-8 win over France in Dublin and the 6-5 win over Scotland in Murrayfield,

A prolific scorer, his Irish career ultimately spanned 11 years, and 40 caps. He eventu-ally became the team's captain against Scotland in 1956, wherelege in Derry, and at Queen's Ireland's greatest side ever, for University, Belfast, where his talthe ensuing 5-0 win over Wales Irish side that again won the 1951 two seasons. The 1958-59 sea-

international stage, when he passed oo the captaincy of the side to Ronnie Dawson and switched to full-back.

He continued to play for NIFC, also alongside Kyle, whom he joined from Queen's, and served as both player and administrator captaining the club and later becoming its president. He also hecame NIFC'S representative on the Ulster hranch, where he served a term as President.

Henderson was both an Ul-

son was his denouement on the ster and Irish selector, and after more than a decade on the IRFU progressed to serve as the Union's president as well. But he was no mere bureaucrat, and was renowned for his tremendous voice. A noted party piece was his version of "The Glens of Antrim".

Gerry Thornley

Noel Joseph Henderson, rugby player and administrator: born 10 August 1928; married Betty Kyle (four daughters); died 27 August



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MP, 63; Sir John Mummery, a Lord Justice of Appeal, 59; Mr Bob Newhart, actor, 68; Lord Pilkington of Oxenford, Chairman, Broadcastof Orenford, Chairman, Broadcasting Complaints Commission, 64; Miss Jean Rankine, Deputy Director, British Museum, 56; Mr Al Stewart, rock singer and songwriter, 52; Mr George Tremlett, author and bookseller, 58; Mr Paul A. Volcker, former Chairman, American Eddon. chairman, American Federal Reserve Board, 70; Miss Raquel Welch, actress, 57; Professor Sir Denys

Anniversaries Births: Louis XIV, the "Sun King" of France, 1638; Johann Christian

Wilkinson, muclear physicist, 75.

Bach, composer, 1735; Robert Fergusson, vernacular poet, 1750; Caspar David Friedrich, painter, 1774; Ciacomo Meyerbeer (Jakob Liebmann Beer), composer, 1791; Christian Louis Heinrich Köhler, composer, 1820; John Wisden, cricketer and cricket records compiler, 1826; Jesse Woodson James, outlaw, 1847; Sir Sarvepalli Radharkrishnan, president of India, 1838; Darryl Francis Zanuck, film producer, 1902; Arthur Koestler, author, 1905; John Cage, composer and pinnist, 1912.
Deaths: Picter Brueghel the Elder, painter, 1569; Charles Pierre Peguy, poet, killed in action 1914; Gp Capt Sir Donglas Robert Steuart Bader, pilot, 1982. On this day, the first Con-tinental Congress in America opened

at Philadelphia, 1774; Malta was surrendered to the British by the French after Nelson's fleet had blockaded them, 1800; the US declared its neutrality in the Second World War, 1939; Brussels was liberated by the Allies, 1944; terrorists of the Arab Black September group killed 11 Is-raelis at the Olympic Games in Ger-many, 1972. Today is the Feast Day of St Bertinus, St Genebald of Leon, St Laurence Giustiniani and Saints Urban and Theodore and their Companions.

English-Speaking Union Mr George Robertson MF, Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday delivered the sixth in a series of lectures

enoticed "Furthering International Understanding". He spoke on "Building European Security" in the Locarno Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London SW1. Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, was in the chair. Sir Geoffrey Pattle also

Lectures

National Gallery: Jaqueline Ansell, "18th Century France (1): Fragonard, Psyche showing her Sisters her Gifts

from Cupid", Ipm.
Victoria and Albert Museum: Vicky
Woollard, "British Fashion and Style, 1950s and 1960s", 2.30pm.

Tate Gallery: Clement Page,

"Elisworthy Kelly's Colour, the transfiguration of space and mind", lpm.

Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to he held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following Sabbath begins in London at 7.24pm.

United Synapogues: 0181-343 8989. Fed-trution of Synapogues: 0181-342 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Syna-gegues: 0171-580 1663, Refurm Syna-gegues of Great Britnia: 0181-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congrega-tion: 0171-289 2573. New London Syna-guese (Masorist: 0171-328 1926.

Changing of the Guard



Three days to rescue the reformers' hopes

officially, on Monday. But politicians, if they are wise, will be chary. This week's highly-strung public mood may linger. People may find it hard to stomach too swift a return to the partisan, divisive grind. Unifying, healing speech may be at a premium, with the tabloids desperately eager to leap upon breakers of their partisan definitions of peace. Might that mean the unionist tide will run more strongly north of the English border and the Welsh show themselves no more enthusiastic about national political self-expression than they were

when last consulted 20 years ago? Even though it has redoubtable Liberal and nationalist allies in both Scotland and Wales, it is of course Labour which is the principal devolutionist party. The Government thus has most to lose by the failure of the campaigns which are this week in suspension - and failure must be taken to include a low turnout. Its leading lights will, doubt-less, be on their guard. Perhaps the vehemence of Donald Dewar's opposition to Scotland's football game taking place on Saturday had to do with his sense of having to tread a very fine line. Labour seems at pains to say that loyalism (at least of the Diana variant) loes not forbid devolution.

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But the death of the Princess has cost Mr Dewar and his colleagues quite a bit, and more than just time on the

Tormal business will resume, campaign trail. The momentum that was meant to build up from mid-August (when the Scottish schools went back) was lost. The devolutionists have barely three days' campaigning before Scotland votes next Thursday and that against a background of growing anti-devolution sentiment, at least as registered in the polls. The odds are mounting in favour of some significant embarrassment for Labour, either in terms of a low turnout, or even a vote against the second, tax-raising, proposition. It seems likely that Labour will win its vote a week later in Wales, but possibly on a turnout which casts doubt on the desire of the Welsh for significant constitutional change.

It is worth rehearsing, briefly, why these votes matter. It is evident the people living in Scotland and Wales (a plural bunch, let's not forget - not all Scottish residents are Scots and some of the inhabitants of Cardiff speak Chinese) are being offered an opportunity not just to reflect upon governance but to alter it to suit them. The occasion matters to the population of England, too.

Scottish devolution bulked large in the Labour manifesto. A yes-no vote in Scotland punctures Blairite rhetoric and demonstrates the misalignment of Labour Party opinion. A check to constitutional reform here could severely reduce the time and energy the Government would be prepared to put into other commitments - on proportional



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representation, on House of Lords and parliamentary reform. The case, among other things, for more local self-government in England (including London) could be vitiated: if Scottish and Welsh voters proved apathetic or antagonistic, could Labour trust Londoners to turn oot in their droves to reform the governance of the capital?

Yet if Scottish devolution matters so much to the fate of this government, the Labour leadership turns out to have been lackadaisical. The campaign for a yes-yes vote started late and unpropitiously. Paisley - the report by Labour's chief whip, Nick Brown, was peculiarly

ill-timed - gave the enemies of devolution an apt slogan, and an effective question: why should the machine which brought you the murky local and constituency dealings of west central Scotland behave differently when its spoils also included seats in an Edin-burgh assembly? Labour's paladins, Messrs Mandelson and Prescott, arrived late and ineffectually. Mr Blair, so hlessed by his personal opinion poll rating has so far chosen not to sprinkle his charisma across the borders of England.

Cynics say Labour leaders would privately be quite content with a yes-no vote. It would, inter alia, stop awkward

questions being raised about the Barnett formula, under which Scotland ends up with extra public spending per head. It would please the constitutional conservatives who throng the Cabinet. But it would also undermine one of the Government's stalwarts, Donald Dewar. He has hardly had a faultiess innings. Labour's campaign alliance with the Scottish National Party is dangerous - as risky as any connection with ultras who will never settle to the real business of politics, which is negotiation and untidy compromise.

Mr Dewar seems to have been taken

by surprise by the rejectionist sentiments of the Scottish Confederation of British Industry and the Bank of Scotland governor, Sir Bruce Pattulio. You do not have to subscribe to the folk myth of Scottish financial prudence to see that a considered rejection of revenue-raising powers by a pillar of the financial establishment was bound to affect the mood. That business interests speak with slightly forked tongue is beside the point (only the other day English business was welcoming the devolution of powers to the English regions).

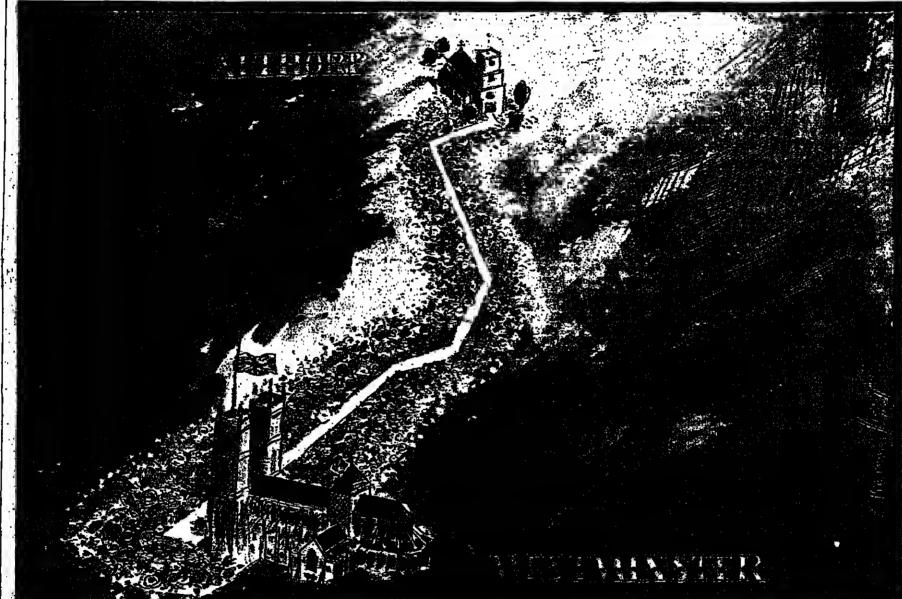
Recent polls suggest support for the Conservatives has grown. Such evidence need not be a cause for Labour concern. Tory strength is likely to have been consistently under-reported during the Thatcher-Major years and the non-representation of Conservatives in Scotland in the Westminster Parliament

is now one of the most glaring anomalies of first-past-the-post voting. Renewed Tory support could indeed be a sign of politics in Scotland returning "to normal" – which could mean the status quo of 1979. The vote next Thursday could see the satisfaction of Scots with the new government in Lordon new joint and limited London permitting only a limited change to governance in Edinburgh. Labour has a lot of work to do next week to avoid that embarrassment.

Parents learn the value of tuition

A ccording to a survey commissioned by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors, there has been a marked shift in parents' recognition that they should help to pay for their children's higher education. This must be good news for David Blunkett, the Education Secretary. Those Labour MPs who objected to the decision to charge for tuition --some quite vocally before the parliamentary break - should think again. For the poll also shows, despite the prospect of paying, that the numbers of young people likely to study will remain buoyant. They and their parents accept that higher education's benefits are personal as well as public and they are obliged as a result to contribute to costs.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



Diana's death Sir: I cannot believe the mass

Lachrymose

frenzy over

hysteria sweeping the nation. Yes, it is a tragedy, but it should not be affecting our daily lives to this extent. I have no objection to people grieving, if that is how they feel. However, I suspect that there is a kind of morbid peer-pressure: "Have you signed the book of

The media is in a lachrymose. frenzy, perhaps induced by a sense of culpability. Every radio station, newspaper, and television station is torturing us with their exaggerated sorrow. There must be some other news worth reporting.

I hope that after the funeral we will all be permitted to get on with our own lives, and Diana will be allowed to rest in peace. CONRAD IACOBSON Manchester

Sir: The Independent appears to have forgotten its original policy of relegating royal affairs to the inside pages. Was it so entirely foolish? The media generally were bound to be distraught at the loss of a goose that had laid so many golden eggs but surely we could have asked for a degree more critical detachment

After all, what is this fuss about? "Palace and people"? It's not a credible social description of anything found outside Grimm's fairy tales. "Landmines and Aids"? Let's quit the pretence. This was a soap opera, which was prematurely interrupted before the ratings

began to fall. True, the House of Windsor is distinctly upmarket from its prescripted Hollywood clones, and, yes, it was a "real" soap, insofar as the worlds of hereditary monarchy, paparazzi and international glitterati are real to the other 99.9 per cent of the population. But still it was a soap, a media product adapted for mass consumption. That and only that makes the loss of this one life matter more than any other.

PETER GHOSH St Anne's College, Oxford

Sir: It is outrageous that the Scottish Football Association should be scapegoated for failing to rearrange a football match over which they have very little control. It is, however, in keeping with the intolerance that lies behind the

myth of a nation "united in grief". There are those like the SFA, caught in circumstances beyond their control, and then there are the millions of people who are not grieved, not because they are heartless but simply because they did not know Diana, had not met Diana and were not inspired by Diana. Yet scarcely one word of their doubts and reservations is

allowed to be heard.

The atmosphere of Britain this week has been utterly stifling. Let those who wish to grieve do so. But must everybody else be intimidated into line? **ED HORTON** Oxford

German solidity

Sir: It seems the car hit a pillar fullon at 121mph. It is a supreme tribute to the engineering prowess of Mercedes Benz Cars that the bodyguard sitting in the front passenger seat has survived. PAUL WALTER

Respect for Royal | disedifying outbursts which some Family's grief

Sir. It would appear that the tabloid press have won the day, yet again. At the beginning of the week the television media talked endlessly of how the paparazzi's paymasters were responsible for the Princess's death. Now the UK tabloids have skilfully moved the controversy towards Balmoral in asking why were not the Royal Family publicly mourning Diana's loss.

After Diana is buried on Saturday

the tabloids will be turning their zuns on the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family, asking why was not more done for Diana during her lifetime. Before long, the two princes, William and Harry, will truly be cooped up in their "tower", being forced to live up to an image which I suspect was far more mythical than the majesty of monarchy itself. JOHN P MARTI-ROSSI London E9

Sir. One of the saddest aspects of the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, is the bitter and unjustified hostility towards HM the Queen, HRH the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family which has surfaced through the press and the television over the last few days. This uninformed criticism of a family in mourning, struggling like any other which has had to face sudden and unexpected tragedy, does no justice whatever to the

memory of the Princess. It is a sad reflection of our times that the Oucen, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, who for so long have worked tirelessly for the well-being of all in this country and many abroad, should be subject to the

newspapers and television news programmes are delighting in putting before us.

Such monumental disrespect and lack of manners at this most difficult of times does not in any way reflect the "exquisite manners" of the Princess, to which a friend of hers referred recently in a tribute to her. The Rev PETER LYNESS London W6

Sir: Having lived through the violent and much reported death of a close family member, I had the utmost sympathy with the Royal Family's decision to hide itself away from the public.

At this time all families need to be close together and may well not have the strength to face people outside their immediate confines. This was certainly my experience. For the royals the experience can only be worse, as they will be subject to intense public gaze on Saturday and beyond, a fate no others have to endure.

I implore your readers to think first of the needs of Diana's immediate family and less of their own needs. If we really care for Diana we should lend the father of her children, and their other close relatives, our support as they try to support the two boys through this impossible time.
RICHARD CADMAN London SW15

Sir: Suzanne Moore ("The Windsors still don't understand us", 3 September) doesn't know that "the future king cannot even put his arms

around his young sons". I am sure that in private he will be doing all that he can to comfort his children, but what Suzume Moore demands is a public display of emotion, denying Charles the option of gricving in his own way. What kind of callousness drives her to formet that housness bin

her to forget that, whatever his position, Prince Charles is still a man who can only feel things the way he does? Where is her compassion? Or does she reserve it for those whn satisfy her own notions of how emotion is best expressed? TONY MULHOLLAND London W7

Sir: So, the Royal Family is exposed to sniping and hostile speculation if it does not copy the habits and style of one of its former members. A 71year- old monarch and her 50-yearold heir are guilty for not behaving like a 36-year-old given to expensive frocks and conspicuously

extravagant holidays.

Am I, at 39, alone in beginning to weary of the tabloid assumption. shared by some of your commentators, that the head nf state is only deserving of respect if he or she is totally tuned in to popular culture? When, in truth. was any such figure ever so tuned

l want Diana tn have every honour paid and all respect, grief and gratitude expressed. I do not want her youthful beanty and popularity used as a weapon against the Queen and the Prince of Wales. GEOFFREY THOMPSON London SE4

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e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk. E-mail correspondents are asked to give a postal address. Letters may be

edited for length and clarity. We regret we are unable to acknowledge unpublished letters.

Sir: At last! John Campbell's letter of 4 September is a clear, commonsense change from the outpouring of faux misery which has, alas, cluttered the columns of your previously distinguished newspaper as well as the predatory, greedy and

self-righteous tabloids. You seem to be using this event to whip up a frenzy of tasteless public feeling against the monarchy. One of your reports ("Charles and Camilla forced to part", 4 September) suggests that The Prince of Wales "may be boost and hissed at [the] funeral". The power of suggestion is great. SM ROBERTS ondon SE26

No rush for a republic

Sir: Polly Toynbee ("The last chapter of the Royal fairy tale", 4 September) implares the Prince of Wales to abdicate after the Queen's death. This is a personal choice by those currently near to the throne, based upon alleged recent mistakes and misjudgements. Ms Toynbee also makes the suggestion that we move towards becoming a republic over the next twenty years. This is a major constitutional change requiring a thorough examination of all the implications of changing how we appoint our ultimate constitutional ombudsman.

response is mystifyingly, The events of the past week have

embarrassingly over-intense.
Then I read your diary loday (3
September). I suddenly realise not changed the pros and cons of what it is all about, I find myself sitting at breakfast with my eyes filled with tears.

See what you've done? TIM CLARK

monarchy or republic. Grief is to be endured and possibly even admired, but it will pass with time.

Sir: With the self righteousness common to republican sentiment,

Suzanne Moore ("The Windsors

still don't understand us", 3

September) overlooks years of

nation by the House of Windsor,

not least by Her Majesty the Queen and the Prince of Wales,

"closeted away somewhere in

uninterested in judging the public

mood").

The grief of the country will only

be deepened by your columnists' exploitation of the moment in

pursuit of their own constitutional

their cold castle, unable or

agenda. FR LINDSAY MCKENNA

Diary of tears

man, white Anglo-Saxon ex-

Protestant middle class Brit.

personally touched and I am

Naturally, I am horrified at the

death of the Princess of Wales and

of those with her. But I do not feel

beginning to feel that the public

what you've done.

Dear Bridget Jones: Now look

Here I sit, a middle-aged family

dedicated service given to the

PATRICK BELL

ondon SE16

A privacy law will not help

Sir: By its sheer scale, the public outpouring of grief at the tragic death of Princess Diana has exceeded that anticipated by politicians, media and the Royal Family. By the same token, it undermines the clamour of those wishing to seize on the circumstances of the Princess's death and the nation's sense of loss as the route to a privacy law. It is profoundly patronising as

well as wrongheaded of some in the Establishment to dismiss the public at large as a lumpen mass force-fed their media diet and incapable of making personal judgements. Indeed, the People's Princess, who had her own love-hate relationship with the popular media, was loved vulnerabilities and mood swings as she was for her inspirational efforts in aid of the sick and helpless and

her unique glamour. Intractable problems attach themselves to drafting privacy laws capable of simultaneously protecting prominent or ordinary citizens and investigative journalism (whether by broadshee), tabloid or television). There could no mnre ill-fitting reaction to the tragedy of the People's Princess than a flawed law that endangers the people's right to know.

It is worth remembering here that the awful events which killed the Princess also cost the life of Dodi Fayed, the companion who had latterly brought so much deserved happiness into her life and the son of the man who performed a high-profile role in exposing to the electorate the corruption and venality of certain politicians. Privacy laws would almost certainly have prevented that service.

It may yet be that a new understanding will now evolve naturally between the media and its public. Only a suicidal editor or proprietor would lightly push beyond the commercial taste barrier a post-Diana public would accept. That would make for a far more fitting memorial to the People's Princess than summoning up those ever-eager legislators.
PAUL CONNEW London, NWI

The writer was formerly executive editor of the 'Sunday Mirror' and deputy editor of the 'Daily Mirror' and the 'News of the World'

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Tribute to an icon Sir. The BBC reported that gay

men and lesbians were among the first to bring flowers to Kensington The extraordinary effect of

Diana's life on the lives of gay men and lesbians has scarcely been registered by the press, nor has the profound sense of loss felt by this community. Her instinctive humanity, her leadership in recognising the suffering of Aids patients and her sense of style all greatly moved us.

Equally important, she was a woman whn suffered yet who persevered magnificently. This, despite abandonment and vicinus criticism of her personality. activities and desires. In the firmament of gay icons, she will surely have one of the most

bonnured places. One hopes that the gay and lesbian community of Britain will find appropriate means to express its grief and honour Diana's gifts to

JOHN M FRITZ London WC2

What right do

we have to tell Charles how to mourn, asks Rupert Cornwell, while (right) **Paul Vallely** abhors the

arrogance that demands



Diana's body, turmoil of his personal life has taken its toli on

the Blinds their sadness

public grief Too many feelings, not too few

t has come to this, in this increasingly edgy ordeal of a week whose climax tomorrow in Westminster Ahbey will not come a moment too soon. We, proclaiming our-selves grief-stricken at the death of a woman we knew only vicariously through the mass media, see fit to give advice to the man who had married her, fathered her two children, and for better or worse knew her better than anyone, on how to mourn her.

Of the quite unimaginable pressures that now bear upoo Prince Charles this may not be the greatest, but it is surely the least forgivable. Diana, tragically, is gooe. The void and the sadness she has left behind is huge. But we at least may expiate our sadness with lines in a book of condolence, with a bunch of flowers, in a sense of bereavement shared. In this "liberated" Britain that resembles America more with every passing day, therapy lies in emotions openly bared. Let it all hang out -and if you don't there must be something wrong

distorting mirror of public opinion. He is blamed. somehow, for bringing about Diana's death, as if he alone were responsible for the end of a marriage that should never have been made. Forget the high speed chase of a limousine driven by a drunken chauffeur in the employment of her lover. Had she not been coldly cut loose by the Royal Family and forced into divorce, runs this overstretched chain of causality, the accident would never have happened. Ergo, it is Charles's

Then he is taken to task for suppressing his feelings, for showing a silence and reserve which some

people (hopelessly old-fashioned, we are told) still believe is the way in which grief should be clothed. He is criticised for agreeing to take his children to church on the Sunday morning. Why, it was asked, did he remain in the fastness of Balmoral, instead of returning to London, where the people are lamenting the loss of their Princess?

Let me declare myself. The closest I've come to royalty was when f was 12 or 13 years old at a Berkshire prep school near Cheam school, which Charles attended, and which we used to play at football and rugby. When the game was at Cheam, we celebrity-obsessed schoolboys would seek out the royal locker in the changing room, try on the royal games shirt and use the royal hairbrush on the shelf. brush on the shelf.

But our paths never crossed in person, on the games field or anywhere else. My subsequent feel-ings about the monarchy are surely those of very many people. For a long while I was an agnostic. The institution was distant, but basically harmless, above all an immutable part of the national land-Then the scar point over the last two or three years, the exasperation and embarrassment became too much. f crossed the Rubicon to republicanism. Not a passionate republicanism, but the belief that, on balance, we'd be better off without them. But being a republican is one thing. Joining in the general obloquy against the Prince of Wales, at this most anguished moment of an anguished life, is quite another. Diana deserves our sympathy: so do her children. But so too, and unequivocally, does

His predicament is unspeakable. As any divorced man, he must be haunted by a sense of

responsibility. As a father, he must bring up his two children alone. Tomorrow, quite possibly, only their presence at his side will prevent him from being booed. On top of that is the very survival of the monarchy, the job for which his whole life has been a waiting period. In this field too, his performance in the next few days could be decisive. Yet Camilla Parker-Bowles, presumably his strongest source of physical and emotional support, must be kept more firmly out of sight than ever. Marriage to her surely is out of the question. And at this hyper-charged moment at least, as a result of his perceived ill-treatment of Diana, it is hard indeed to imagine him as King. Both his public and private lives will play out, forever, in

the shadow of the dead Princess, for ever young and beautiful. Imagine a circle of deadly sharp, inward-pointing daggers: in the centre is Charles. In the media, he is depicted as cool, dour, and utterly devoid of feeling for ordinary people. She was one of us. Charles irremedially belonged to Them. That image too is a travesty which merely was by Diana in the miserable battle that developed as their marriage died. True, he might come across like that, especially when juxtaposed with his wife, sparkling with empathy and humanity. In fact, Charles' problem is not a lack of feelings, but a surfeit of them. He is a man paralysed by

his own sensitivities, and the indecision which

springs from them. Cast your mind back. There was a period, before his every effort was utterly obscured by Diana, when Charles was advertised as the last best hope for renewing the House of Windsor. He was the family member who seemed in touch. He spoke out for the homeless and underprivileged, and worried about race relations. He was the one who spoke out loud about the issues of the day. including such thoroughly beneficial steps as the severing of the links between the monarchy and the Church of England. He could be witty and selfdeprecating. Has he really changed so much since? The answer, everyone who knows him

insists, is no. But these are strange times. The days before the funeral drag by almost interminably, while the linked wheels of media opinion and public emotion spin in the sand, throwing up unquestioning love and simmering resentment in equal measure. The apportionment is grossly unfair. We are not talking now of his fitness to be King. The future of the monarchy is an issue to be settled later. This is a moment of grief, and for no one more so than Charles. To tell him how to express it is an outrage.

Of shrines and superstition

he flowers are as extravagant as the grief. Not single stems, nor ordinary bunches but brimming bonquets which fill the arms of mourners who bring them. The gates of the royal palaces have become scenes not of mere sorrow but of a woe which is wanton, opulent and intemperate. It is as if plain Protestant England has been transported in place and time to a sultry Mediterranean Catholicism of shrines and superstition. Don't, cry for me, Inglaterra.

This is oot to criticise. Merely to observe a change. Yet there is something in the new reckless so tolerant of ways that

are not its own. Yesterday morning's tabloid press carried an unprecedented attack on the Queen for appearing "uncaring". She had remained sequestered with her family in its sadness. She had not addressed the

to break protocol by allowing the flag to fly at half-mast over Buckingham Palace - "The Final Insult" the Sun called it. "Let the flag fly at half-mast," demanded the Daily Mail. 'Show Us You Care," shricked the Express in letters two inches high. "Speak to us, ma'am, please speak", said the

unctuous Mirror editorial. that the Queen "come to the micro-Labour MP pompously put it, "a little hit of emotion would not be amiss". Even the Prime Minister's she is a mere extra in some media defence of the sovereign was twoedged in its inverted assertion that

took the unusual step of announcing the fact in a statement. Later it was announced that she would fly back to London early, speak to the natioo tonight and allow the Union flag to fly at half-mast from Buckingham Palace on the day of the funeral.

nation. She had refused

But it was not just the media. The public in BBC vax pops demanded phone". All manner of public figures offered their two-penn'orth to the effect that, as one tyro the Royal Family "share our grief". The Queen was so hurt that she

There is something profoundly distasteful about the way she has been brow-beateo into all this. It is not the incontinence of the demotic discharge of emotion which is not general public lament in whatever letters of condolence; but it is not

manner it wishes. But what makes people think they may presume to criticise those who deal with their

distress in a way which is different? What we are seeing in these demands—whether couched in the hleak vulgate of the tabloids or the more elegant tropes of streetwise broadsheet writers - is a requirement that bereavement, like everything else, should be reduced to info-tainment. The Queen is not seen as a grandmother who is comforting two boys who will miss their mother deeply and who must prepare themselves for the public ordeal of mourning their mother with the nation tomorrow. Rather.

spectacular. She must conform to the demands of a world of homogeoised lowest-commoodecominator populism. If the people fail to understand what a Roya Standard symbolises, and when it should be flown, that ignorance must be paraded and all must bow to its prejudice. Such is the logic that leads to public hangings.

The Royal Family's silent suffering is alien to such a culture of ooise. But there are times wheo silence is seemly and bereavement is one of those times. A family in mourning is comforted to receive

usually expected to reply to them until after the

There may be legitimate complaints about the Royal Family's failure to attune itself to the times. It may yet be that their private lives will come into public view to the point where the TV cameras so that, as in the time of Louis XIV.

the Monarch's subjects might be in the bedroom to see him rise, or where, as in a bygone Britain, the Home Secretary was expected to be present at the birth of the heir to the throne to ensure that no changeling was slipped from beneath the sheets.

But that is thankfully not now the case. In the meantime, the Royal Family should he allowed to grieve in the manner it feels most fit, and from which it derives most solace. And the rest of us should not be so arrogant as to impose upon them our own new-found exorbitant demonstrativeness.

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Save good design like it's going out of fashion

ometimes I agree with Alastair Cooke and Sometimes I disagree and sometimes I don't know what the hell he is talking about even though I always enjoy listening to him if I can get my heartbeat slow

enough, hut the only time he ever made me get up off my backside and rush out and do something was when he said that he feared that people would one day stop making proper ribbons for oldfashioned manual typewriters - proper cotton ones, not funny plastic ones - so he had laid in a great stock of them. As L too, from time to

time have pleasurable resort to my old portable typewriter (No batteries! Works through power cutsl Comes in two colours! Actually prints the hard copy as you watch!). I too rushed out and bought a dozen reels in advance, and f am now

prepared for years ahead. Manual typewriters are supposedly rendered obsolete by word processors and all those other things, but there are certain things they always did better. ft is a great mistake to think that progress brings all-round improvement. For instance, I remember the time 10 years ago that I moved out of London and had to take the video recorder back to the Notting Hill shop from which I had rented it for years.

"By gum – hit of a museum piece here," said the man, as he welcomed it back fondly (as well he might, considering how much it had earned for him). "I did think now and then

of trading it in for a hetter, more modern model," I lied. "You might have got a more modern ooe, but never a better one," be said, looking at its controls. "This is way ahead of what they're making now, for the public at least." "This one is better than the

new ones?" "Oh, yes. The thing is that when they first started producing VCRs they thought people would use them for editing and making home films as well as recording and viewing TV, so they gave them lots of facilities such as freezeframing, frame-by-frame viewing, very slow rewind and so on. Then they discovered



Miles Kington

VCRs - so they dropped it all and made the machines much simpler. Yours is an early one. It's pretty advanced still." What he was saying was

what palaeontologists sometimes tell us: that all species that have ever existed have died out sooner or later. But he was adding a footnote to their theory by saying that sometimes the wrong species dies out ...

There are plenty of examples of the wrong thing catching on and the right thing being sidelined. My brother-in-law became convinced early on that Betamax was better than

think, and is still waiting for VHS to go away. I feel the same way about London A-Z maps, which are nowhere as nice or clear as Nicholson's Streetfinders and their other products. My wife has a similar grouse about Raspberry Crunch. Raspherry Crunch is the only cereal she likes at all. She says that the best make by far, the nicest and tastiest, is Cheshire's, Better than Jordan's and Sainsbury's own brand and all the others. And guess which is the hardest to find in the shops? The one that people won't

stock? Correct. She has Cheshire's Raspberry Crunch stocked up the way I have typewriter nibbons. This train of thought came to me as f lay in the bath this morning. Why? Because our

bath is another example of an endangered design, ft has its taps, not at the end, but half-way along the side. f can't remember now why my wife and f chose this model (made in Germany, f

think) but we have never regretted it. For a start, you can actually reach the tans

without pulling a muscle or

trying to use the toes, and without having to pass through an intermediate pool of boiling or freezing water.

of the bath without having to lean back against taps. This means that two people can get in a bath together, if that's your idea

of fun, and neither will get the rotten end. And if there's just one of

you (which is the way I most often take a bath) you get a dazzling choice of ends. Sometimes when f want to do a hit of reading in the hath, I sit at the end overlooked by the bathroom window so that the daylight falls on my book. At other times I sit down the other end because it's warmer and also has a better view, out of

the self-same window. Necd f say more? This is a bath for life. Unless it wears out, of course, in which case I may find that, like Betamaxes and clever VCRs.

it has been phased out. Which is why at present I am formulating plans to lay in a store of baths with taps down one side, in the same way as one does with typewriter ribbons and Cheshire's Raspberry Crunch

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nder the great flood of emotion and public unity which Diana'a

death seems to have evoked, a

small, cynical eddy begins to swirl: has New Labour done it

again? Has the Blair effect turned the death of a princess into part of the great moderni-sation project? Could the Queen and her family have been made to look stiff-backed,

Edwardian and even uncaring

this week precisely through con-trast with the modernity of the

Rewind, if you will, to Sun-day morning. Look again at the words the Prime Minister used

when he paid his tribute. What

this country today. I am utterly devastated. Our thoughts and prayers are with Princess

Diana's family, particularly her two sons. Our heart goes out to

them." (Note the officially wrong "Princess Diana". Since she lost here HRH, people like

the Prime Minister are sup-

posed to say "Diana, Princess of Wales", but Tony sticks to the

expression the people use.)
Our heart? Our prayers? If

Margaret Thatcher had used

language sneh as this she

would have been derided for

believing she was the Queen.

But when Tony Blair did it, the

meaning of his words could

not have been more different. What he was telling us was

that he was one of us. We, the

and our memories for ever."

nation, not we, the establishment.

No wonder so many of those interviewed out-side the royal palaces have spoken of how the

Prime Minister's words had moved them. Ever

so subtly, he was shaping the mood of the occa-

sion, even infiltrating himself gently into the minds of the mourners. Take a look at how his

statement ended: "People everywhere, not just here in Britain, kept faith with Princess Diana

... She was the People's Princess and that is how

she will stay, how she will remain in our hearts

The People's Princess. It may seem now that

the phrase was perfectly judged to match the mood of the nation. But it did more than that.

It shaped it. And whether by screedinity or by

design, what it said was that Diana was "one of

us". Ergo, she was not one of "them", not part

The impression was strengthened by the news.
- it just slipped out, of course - that the Palace

had asked Labour officials for help with the

funeral arrangements. The thing was, they knew

how to handle a major, modern funeral such

as this because they had organised one for John

Smith just three years ago. And, it was stressed,

the royal obsequies did not cover this

As the queues lengthened in The Mall and

as the flowers piled up ever higher, the Prime

Minister was visible where the royals were

remote. There was business at Downing Street,

though all done in an appropriately respectful fashion. A meeting with the Trades Union Con-

"I feel like everyone else in

was the real message?

Government?

she was, but that giggle was very charming.) But none of this adds up to an emotional fleeting though real regret for anyone who was killed so violetily; a passing concern for the boys, though it do not have to worry about them as michas I should about other

sadness was real gress had been "sombre and business-like", a spokesman said. A conference on education was to be "low-key". Midweck though, as the feelings of anger about the strictness of royal protocol built up (Why no half-mast flag over Buckingham Palace? Why no sign of any roy-

als coming to London to pay their respects by Diana's cof-fin?), Number I0 was forced to would want to give would be one of tension between the Government and the Palace. So Mr Blair, who had phoned Prince Charles on Sunday to offer his condolences, was back on the line again the other night giving

nation wants. How do we know that is what the nation wants?

back to itself and we are

changed by it, humbled by what we see of ourselves. By report-

ing the views of "ordinary people, the media has forced

changes upon the arrange-

ments made to mourn Diana. It

has proved more powerful, more influential than any other

institution. The government, expert at negotiating and spin-

ning stories, has worked with

the media. The royals, with

their archaic flunkies reading

out statements, haven't - and look where it has got them.

I do not want to glorify the whole circus of which, obvi-

ously, I am a part, for we have all been walking a fine line this

week. We have all wanted to

have our cake and eat it, if that

is not too bulimic an expression.

A series of largely questionable

oppositions has emerged,

enabling one section of the media to slag off another part of it and exonerate itself in the

process. Thus broadsheets are

different from tabloids.

Scummy foreign paparazzi are

different for our good old boys who simply do their joh. Television is different from

The one opposition that we

are all in facit agreement

about is the most startling:

that of the people versus the

Palace. The masses gathered

in the streets are, then, part of.

some quiet revolution. The

historic symbolism of masses

of people silently gathering on the streets is not lost on us. It

pre-figured the collapse of the

Berlin Wall. We feel, now,

that something has to give, hnt the monarchy looks incapable

of giving. The Queen's broad-

cast will be seen by many of us

as too little, too late. It has

been dragged out of her rather

No one knows quite what to make of this public feeling, for

this is cultural rather than political revolution. It is about being

rather than doing. It is saying not so much that we want a

than spontaneously given.

newspapers, and so on.

Support.
Briefing the media on the call, his spokesman said the rest could not expect the Royal Family to "jump in and be extras in a media event". The press was being unfair and unhelpful in criticising Prince Charles and other members of the Royal Family for not knowing how to respond to the public grief, he suggested. Of course the Palace understood the deep public sense of grief, and they were responding to it in the funeral arrangements that were being

Despite the supportive words, though, Mr Blair's actions continued to jar uncomfortably with those of the royals. Just after the press had been briefed, the Prime Minister told waiting television cameras that the Royal Pamily were "trying to cope in a tremendously difficult situation".

"They share our grief very much and we should respect that," he said. Note. They share our grief. Then he did something really below the belt. He walked to the end of Downing Street and comforted mourners who had gathered there. In an eerie echo of the Diana-like behaviour that apparently so inked the royals, he touched some of them on the arm and allowed himself to be clasped by the hands.

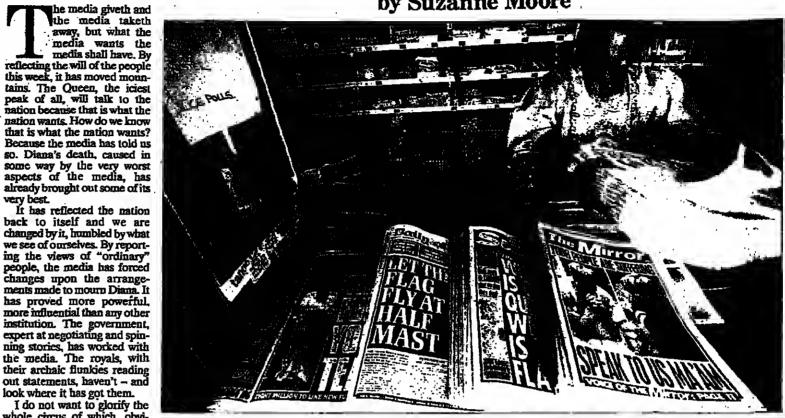
So, has the Blair machine turned even this sad event to its own purposes? If we hear a mounting chorus of calls for the modernisation of the monarchy over the next few months, should we suspect Downing Street of carefully engineering the whole thing?

No. The fact is that for once - and savour the moment for it is a rare one - even New Labour could not take total control. Yes, Mr Blair touched the right buttons. Yes, he exercised considerable skill in doing so. But this time, something else was going on as well. The deep anger that has welled up during this week was not the simple creation of a few days' media hype and Downing Street spin. The genie that has got out of this particular bottle has been awaiting its day for far longer than that.

It is true that Mr Blair and his advisers have understood the situation well. And that is why they will tread very gently on the issue of the monarchy as time goes on. Whatever direction they do take, though, you may be sure that they will take it with one eye firmly on "our"

The tabloids take their slice of the pie

by Suzanne Moore



already changed radically. It is just that to one has really grasped how much.

And who would not want to claim this mood, to read the zeitgeist as part of some far larger, more easily defined project? Yet, now that Diana is and weep, its supporters ask? Yes we do. Is the only emotion

happened to Diana masks the continuing desire to still see more and more of her. Wc continue to consume her image as voraciously as we ever did. We are all voyeurs, all impli-

cated in this. Do we want to see the Royal Family break down of a man who lived long before the age of mass media. Well, we

grieved for the children of Dunhlane and we cried for Jamie Bulger and the victims of Hillsborough and as long ago as the King's Cross fire we started taking out little hunches of these terrible tragedies.

Papers that routinely defiled Diana when she was alive now revile the royals for defiling her memory: amnesia is lucrative

king. The tabloids, in particular, want a slice of this pie. They who routinely defiled her when she was alive now revile the royals for defiling her memory. Amnesia, it appears, is lucrafive. Those who commissioned, bought and published pictures of her pregnant in a bikini. working out at the gym, crying in the street, are now ever so concerned that enough respect should be shown. They are now preparing their special supplements of more acceptable pictures. Collective denial,

collective guilt about what

her up to republicanism than that is meaningful one that is when she was alive. She wanted clearly visible to the outside only perceived as a force for desperately for her son to be world? Yes, I'm afraid, at the tremendous good but as the moment, that is the way we feel. We want to turn outwards rather than inwards, to express something collectively as well as

individually. This may he seen by some as a kind of hysteria, a clinical condition to which many vulnerable folk have succumbed. Hysteria, of course, is a deeply patronising word, for it both feminises and infantilises the depth of feeling of the public. How can people grieve so for someone they have not met, ask psychologists, who base their theories on the work

Put simply, Diana was not biggest celebrity of all. This combination in a secular age is the most powerful imaginable. The total visibility that the media gave her made a more significant presence in some people's lives than people they actually knew, just as some people feel that an appearance on television is the most real and legitimating moment of

their lives. This, some suggest, is misguided. They would like all this would perhaps have preferred a more politically correct princess, but that is to miss the point. Diana cut across all that, in giving herself permission to he vulnerable, contradictory, idealistic, she has given us that same permission. She used the media to show that to us, and we are now using the media to show it to each other.

There may be a point at which we say we do not want to see any more, that we have had enough, that there is nothing left to see of her or her mourners. But that, at the moment, is unimaginable. We continue to find what has happened to her all-consuming. The nation will stop on Saturday and the media, full of both its good guys and bad guys, will give the people what they most desire inclusion in this mass spectacle.

It has always been impossible to speak of Diana without talking of her relationship with the media, and it still is. Her image is being constructed in death as it was in life, but the force that is driving it is the will of the people, the punters, the consumers. The media is one step behind trying to satisfy a demand that even in its wildest dreams it underestimated. The gulf hetween image and reality is fading fast, for the nation is emotion poured into a more re-making itself in her image in politically correct cause or a order that we might see ourproperly religious one. They selves as we really are.

We are not all part of this

'I didn't know her - I can't mourn for someone I did not know'

friend rang to tell me about the car crash. He really thought I would of the contract. want to know, that I would be moved, touched, fascinated, involved - as he was; but quite honestly I would rather have been asleep. I was irritated that he had thought

Throughout the week my irritation has grown, but now it is directed at myself. I cansee, appreciate, accept that there is a huge wave of genuine emotion; a sense of per-sonal loss and grief that I have no doubt is sincere. I am simply not part of this, and I

wonder why not.

I'm not unique. There are a few of us. we chat on the phone, bemused, more engaged with our failure to engage than with the event itself. I have identified var-

ious different sorts of detachment. There are those who did not like her; those who took "Charles's side": those who doubted the sincerity of her charitable activities, or thought she was a neurotic bimbo. There are the sturdy royalists who feel she endangered the unique standing of the Royal Family and brought the monarchy into disrepute. These people appear to

resent the fuss that is being made There are also those who are antimonarchists, who have believed that royalty was running out of steam and that within our lifetimes the whole system would collapse and we would become a proper modern nation: this group have spent the week disgruntled. I suspect this is because their hopes have been dashed. Whatever else is going on in the national collective unconscious, it is not a desire to get rid of the glamour, the magic, the sanc-

But I don't find myself in either of these camps: I am neither resentful nor furious; I am bored and baffled. Oddly enough I could belong in either. I am a committed socialist, an anti-monarchist, convinced that the class privilege which flaunts itself nakedly in Britain is the most destructive and regressive element of our national life; and it is sustained by the monarchy. Equally, in as much as I have bothered to think about it at all, I think the Prince of Wales got a pretty rough deal from the media; and that Diana took on a job at a

t about 7.30 last Sunday morning a not inconsiderable salary and the least she children who lose their mother so. At least could have done was stick with the terms

Furthermore, as a Christian, I am alarmed by the strong elements of cult which are evolving very fast – paralleling the life and death of Princess Grace of Monaco, though on an incomparably larger scale. I suspect we won't have to wait long for a mir-



Sara Maitland

acle - already a tabloid newspaper has cap-tioned a picture of Diana comforting Elton John with a reference to her "healing hands".

On the other hand, I think she was remarkably beautiful; I acknowledge how much she did for the charitable causes she adopted: I have spoken to people who had met her and believe them when they say that she had an extraordinary charisma a combination of glamour and warmth that was irresistible. (I'm less convinced by those who tell me how intelligent and witty

involvement; positive or negative. I am, if pushed, saddened that she should have died, but no more so than I would be to hear of the death of any other middle aged mother who left two teenage children: a they know their father and the family who

will continue to support them. I didn't know her. I can't mourn for someone I did not know. Though even that is a simplification – I am perfectly able to be both shocked and grieved at the deaths of people I did not know, but that is usually when some sense of justice is touched: the victims of war, or famine, or political oppression. I think that is a different sort of sorrow.

What is clear is that an extraordinary number of people feel that they did know her, their grief is real, tangible and deeply personal. They knew her and they loved her. Or they knew her and they disliked her. I am asking myself if this is a realism and honesty in me, or some failure of my hardhearted soul. Perhaps I am jealous, and what I really want are designer dresses and an international fan club (after all, when I was 11 I wanted to marry Prince Charles myself). Perhaps I have so over-refined my sensibilities that I hold myself too superior for such mass emotion and devotion.

I wonder, however, if some of my distance from this is because I am completely free of guilt. I was not interested in her when she was alive. I was irked to have to break up a dinner party because all the guests wanted to watch her, to my mind, trivial interview on Panorama. I never bought a single paper in order to see pic-tures of her. I didn't read the Morton biography. The bitter fact is that the media gave her to us, and the media, we have decided, killed her. Her brother said, and the nation applanded, that anyone who bought a picture of her had her blood on his hands. Well, my hands are clean, so I do not have anything to expiate. One of the social functions of all mourning is the alleviation of

Quite honestly, I am not entirely convinced by this as an explanation of my absence of involvement. I suspect that how we feel about her death is probably a blownup snapshot of how we felt about her alive. I wasn't involved in her life and so I'm not involved now. Some people were involved, and so they have lost something I have not lost. I just want to have something inter-

As advertised in your school

dverts are appearing on exercise hooks and textbooks in schools and now this is being seriously discussed: What sort of advertising posters should be allowed into school grounds? A radio commentator suggests there should be three kinds of advertising: the welcome (health warnings, etc), the acceptable (records, health foods) and the barred (alcohol, tobacco and

so forth) Now, I'm in favour of information. Times and places of plays and movies, lists of new products, books and records. Information -

just give me the facts. But advertising is misinformation in the service of profit. Ad- snarling from my vertising is brainwashing parade of drivel for commer-

cial gain.
These days even advertis

promoted as the new "art or any movie of integrity. Why form". There are Media pages in the hroadsheets which seriously discuss the comparative merits of a heap of trash about jeans and a pack of lies about soap. I remember some dewyeyed art students in Edinburgh telling me that they were going into advertising because it is "an Art" I pointed out that art is the pursuit of truth. Advertising is the pursuit of money. They smiled. They thought it was quite a good alogan.

But the whole world is being invaded by advertising - and most people seem to be happy collaborators. Look at our the world. soccer players, wearing stupid adverts for electrical goods and

lager. Look at our teenagers, flaunting the name-tags or logos of those who sell them togs at sky-high "designer" prices. Look at our A, B and C citizens, paying for the privilege of being walking poster sites -wearing T-shirts proclaiming their loyalty to New York or Bangkok or some pissy beer. And now - hillboards in schools? Schools are supposed to be places in which the truth is explored and revealed. I feel like Diogenes snarling from my barrel at a hrilliant parade of drivel.

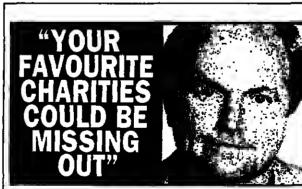
How witty, how stylish the are! Of course -they're made by i feel like fine actors, writers, composers **Diogenes** the best creative can buy. Of course - their barrel at a

times bigger per ing is being advertised. It's non-commercial programme. not have adverts in churches, chapels and cathedrals? After all, a stained-glass window is a poster for a saint, a spire is an advertisement for God and a crucifix is

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Christ's personal logo. No. I'd be happiest if all advertiscments could he confined to the lavatories of banks and palaces. Utitil that day, I suggest a new improved advertising tax. A sum representing 100 per cent of the budget of every commercial, poster or press advertisement should be paid into a fund to eradicate poverty, all around

Adrian Mitchell



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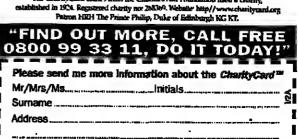
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August car market hits 525,000 but high street boom slows and Dixons reports lower sales growth

Record R-reg sales 'not a sign of overheating'

Chris Godsmark, Diane Coyle and Nigel Cope

Business leaders yesterday urged the Bank of England not to raise interest rates further despite figures showing that car sales broke all records last month as huilding society windfalls helped send demand for Rregistration models well past the half a million mark.

Car sales during this year's August frenzy reached a new high of 525,539, well ahead of even the most optimistic industry predictions and comfortably above the previous peak for the month set in 1989. Imports took nearly 70 per cent of the market, fuelled by the strong pound.

But Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford, the market leader, insisted the figures did not reflect an overheating economy or an unsustainable consumer boom. "My gut feeling is that the economy is not as strong as these figures suggest, certainly not at the same peak as it was in 1989. I hope the Bank of England does not look at these numbers and interpret them as a sign of significant overheating hecause it isn't."

He added that special factors such as the unprecedented level of marketing activity by manufacturers and high levels of pre-registrations to hring sales forward from September had heen behind the record figure.

Support came from the Con-



McAllister: Special factors driving record August market

showing that the pace of sales growth on the high street slowed "markedly" in August. Sales volumes fell well short of retailers' expectations after a huoyant June and July.

Dixons, the electrical retailer, also offered further evidence that the high street mini-boom was cooling. Same store sales in the 17 weeks of its financial year were 11 per cent ahead of the same period last year. That compares with a 17 per cent surge in sales which the company reported in July.

The CBI's findings support other evidence this week in suggesting that the interest rate iocreases announced by the federation of British Industry's
latest distributive trades survey
Bank of England since May
might be succeeding in taking the froth off consumer spending. It is expected to leave rates unchanged after next week's Monetary Policy Committee meeting.

The car sales figures yesterday from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) showed registrations rose 9.6 per cent in August, from 479,945 in the same month last year, easily beating the previous August record of 500,112 sales in 1989, the only previous time when registrations exceeded the half a million mark. However, the SMMT stuck by its forecast of 2.1 million sales for the whole of 1997, up from 2.03 million last year but well below the record of 2.3 million in 1989.

There was clearly pent up demand from earlier in the year last month. Some customers waited to huy an R-reg car with their windfalls," said an SMMT spokesman.

David Archibald, operations director of Nissan, said the market had gone "a little crazy". He continued: "No one predicted sales on this scale and we do see this as a blip.

Despite the demand from private buyers, the biggest rise in sales came from the fleet market, where registrations rose 10.6 per cent to 196,955. Strong sales for makes such as Renault and BMW contributed to a big increase in imports, which accounted for 68.1 per cent of the market last month, up from 62.8 per cent in August 1996. Jay Nagley, an industry expert

from consultants Quadrangle,



2: Ford Escort. 24.081. Price: £13,550 (LX 1.6)



3: Ford Mondeo, 23,794. Price: £13,995 (Verona)



4: Vauxhall Vectra, 22,846. 5: Vauxhail Corsa, 20,312. Price: £15,050 (LS 1.8)



Price: £9.110 (LS 1.2)

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said: "Loyalty to traditional British manufacturers is continuing to erode. The higgest improvements came from premium brands like BMW, Mercedes and Volvo."

1: Ford Fiesta, 30,636.

Price: £10,085 (LX.1:25)

Winners.

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Total market

Though Ford was again responsible for the top three best year. selling models, the group's market share dropped to 17.6 per cent, down from 18.7 per cent in August 1996 and 21.7 per cent in 1995.

Rover's slice of the market also slipped back further, from 10.2 per cent to 9.7 per cent. The figure include a record breaking performance at Land Rover, which sold 7,700 off-road

Another loser was Volkswagen, which has suffered from shortages of the new Passat and has been caught out by unprecedented demand for the long-running Golf, which is due for replacement in the new

Manufacturers and dealers yesterday showed their increasing frustration with the Government, which has still not decided agree to the industry's plan for a twice-yearly number change in March and September.

Alan Pulham from the Retail Motor Industry Federation said: This is sitting on ministers' desks and we can't understand was no need to tighten inter-

why. It's not political and now the manufacturers and dealers have united on a solution." August has taken a steadily larger share of the market in re-

cent year. Last month will ac-count for around 25 per cent of pistrations in 1997, whereas in the record sales year of 1989 it made up just 22 per cent. Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades and furniture, where spending committee, said it was still not might be windfall-related, had clear how much money from the

free share windfalls would eventually reach the high street, and he believed there would be he more to come.

But the survey showed there

est rate policy for now, he that the CBI survey can be erratic from month to month. said. "Growth in underlying sales remains relatively stafall-back in spending as spelling hle," he said. the end of the current consumer The survey showed a balance

of 22 per cent of retailers re-porting increased sales last month, compared with 32 per cent who had expected a pickup. The detail suggested that areas such as household goods slowed down sharply.

One worrying aspect was that the proportion of deliveries retailers took from overseas suppliers was the highest since May 1990.

But economists cautioned

Miners' unions to

meet Battle in effort

"It is too early to interpret this

upswing," said Richard Ilcy at Indeed, the retailers surveyed said business was still above-normal for the time of

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year. They expect a rebound this At Dixon's annual meeting the chairman Sir Stanley Kalms told shareholders that the rate of in-

crease in sales had moderated

from the exceptionally high lev-

els in the first nine weeks of the

current financial year.

Directors' share buying points to rising market

Merrill Lynch yesterday forecast a 17 per cent rise in the London stock market over the next 12 months. The investment bank's prediction came as it unveiled figures showing that directors who are buying shares in their own companies are outstripping sellers by the widest margin for

The broker said the high level of director buying was only one of several indicators pointing to a continuation of the bull market, despite a separate prediction that inflation would rise to 4 per cent in 1999 and interest rates reach 8 per cent by the end of next year.

Speaking at a global strategy conference in London yesterday. Philip Wolstencroft, UK equity strategist, said institutional investors' historically high cash positions and a slump in the supply of new shares on to the market painted a bullish picture for the stock market. He contrasted London with

the US equity market, where shares are more highly priced compared to bonds than fur six years, directors are strong sellers of shares in their own companies and market sentiment is unduly hollish.

During August, UK directors buying shares in their own companies exceeded sellers by a ratio of 3.6 to one. That was the highwere at historically low levels thanks to the high interest rates prevailing in the run-up to the pound's ejection from the exchange rate mechanism.

According to Merrill Lynch, the ratio of huvers to sellers exceeds 2.5 relatively rarely. Since 1986, it has happened only 17 times but on 16 of those occasions shares have subsequently outperformed cash over the following 12 months. The average outperformance was 15 per cent One of the reasons for the

strong huying has been the relative underperformance of large sections of the stock market, which has been driven by a very narrow cross-section of companies. Stripping out the banks, pharmaceuticals and oil companies, which have risen in value by almost 60 per cent since the beginning of 1996, the rest of the FTSE 100 has risen by less than 20 per cent. The FTSE 250 index of second-liners has fared

even less well. Merrill Lynch is maintaining bullish stance despite the expectation of Paul Turnbull, its UK economist, that inflation will continue to rise over the next two years, driven by a rapid tighten-ing in the labour market and accelerating earnings.

Unemployment is expected to fall to 1.25 million by the end of 1998. According to Mr Turnbull, that will push growth in average earnings from 4.25 per cent in June to 5.5 per cent by the secest since 1992, when shares und half of next year.

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Eddie George: Will answer to the Treasury Committee

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

MPs on the Treasury Select Committee could seek the power of veto over the Chancellur's appointments to the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee.

In a seminar held yesterday by the influential committee. US-style confirmation hearings for candidates for its top jobs emerged as the front-runner for increasing the accountability of the newly independent Bank to Parliament.

Some of the prominent experts present saw hearings on these appointments as a means of preventing a Chancellor of

the Exchequer from making politically motivated choices. The Treasury Committee, chaired by Giles Radice, hopes to report within two months how it will carry out its enhanced role in scrutinising in-

terest rate policy. In a letter to Mr Radice in July, Gordon Brown, the Chan-cellor, said he would like it to take on this responsibility. The Treasury Committee has since begun a hig consultation process.

In the week after May's election, Mr Brown handed the joh of setting interest rates in order to meet the inflation target over to the Bank of England. But the Chancellor continues to set the target himself.

At yesterday's seminar - held under the "Chatham House" rule of oot identifying participants, hut including senior politicians and bankers, academics, economists from the City and industry, and journalists there was much support for the idea that the Bank of England should be asked to give evidence on its broad analysis of the economy and government policy as well as on its narrow task of

MPs seek veto on Brown's appointments

hitting the inflation target. In his announcement of the Bank's independence, Mr Brown emphasised that its task involved supporting growth and jobs as far as this was consistent with keeping inflation on

ing at yesterday's meeting for the Treasury Committee continuing to monitor the Government's choice of inflation target as well as other aspects of its economic policy such as the Budget. The committee is considering

There was also strong back-

questions such as how often it should hold sessions grilling the Bank, what information it should ask for, whether it should question the Governor, Eddie George, only or all the members of the Monetary Policy Committee, and whether it should publish its own regular reports on the inflation outlook.

However, the idea of MPs playing a role in Bank ap-

pointments emerged as the most prominent proposal. Experts advised that the US system of Congressional approval for appointments to the Federal Reserve Board did not lead to the frequent use of Congress's velo power hut did ensure that the names of unsuitable candidates were not pul forward.

The Bank is unlikely in have any serious objections to this 🚯 idea. However, the Treasury Committee will need to act swiftly if it wants to get these powers included in the Bank of England Bill. With the tight Parliamentary timetable it will have at most a few weeks to influence the drafting.

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Signet reports first profit for seven years

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Signet, the H Samuel and Ernest Jones jewellery group, reported its first interim profit for seven years yesterday, huoyed by a strong per-formance in the US, writes

Nigel Cope. In America, Signet is the second-largest jewellery group after Zales and profits there rose 16 per cent, boosted by a better product range and lower

bad debt charges. In the UK, performance was steady with profits flat but like-for-like sales up 3.3 per cent. James McAdam, chairman, said consumer confidence was strong in Britain but Signet had not seen a wave of spending prompted by the building society windfalls.

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"I think that money is being

spent un other things such as holidays and cars," he said. Signet reported a pre-tax profit of £1.9m for the six months to 2 August. This compares with a £6m loss last time.

The company said the group was heavily reliant on the Christmas trading period hut said progress in the first half had been encouraging.
Signet is continuing its

modernisation of the H Samuel chain. So far 51 of the shops have been updated and a further 119 will be refurbished before the Christmas season. Like-for-like sales in the modernised stores increased by 6.9 per cent in the period compared with an increase of

just 0.8 per cent in the older

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WH Smith looks to US for a new chief executive

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Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Institutional investors in WH Smith expressed renewed concers about the company yesterday as it emerged that the beleaguered retailer had ruled out all the external candidates for the chief executive post and decided to widen the search.

Sharebalders are worried that the decision to look further afield for potential candidates, including in Europe and North America, will canse severe delays to the appointment and exacerbate the feeling of drift within the business. "It looks as if they can't find anyone to take the job," nne shareholder said.

Another said: "It does seem to be turning executive search

into a spectator sport. It is pretty unimpressive and doesn't reflect well on any of them." WH Smith admitted that Stuart Rose, the former Burton

director, was no longer in the running. However, the group dismissed reports that WH Smith's chairman, Jeremy Hardie, had been keen to appaint Mr Rose but had been overruled by the non-executive directors, who include Pearson's chief executive, Marjorie Scardino, and Barclays Benk's

chief executive, Martin Taylor. The three internal candidates, Alan Giles, John Hancock and Richard Handover, are all still interested in the job though it is understood they are disheartened by the group's decision to look further afield.

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to save Asfordby pit Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent** Unions representing more than

500 employees at the threatened Asfurdby "superpit" are to meet next week with John Battle, the industry minister, in a bid to halt ts closure.

The delegation, led by the Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM), will suggest several schemes to save the pit, owned by RJB Mining, which was shut down last month after just two years of production. The meeting was due to take place earlier this week but was postponed until next Tuesday following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

UDM will urge ministers to take over the pit using the Coal Authority, the licensing body left after the privatisation of British Coal. One proposal was to mothball the site, which cost taxpayers £320m to develop, as a future energy resource.

UDM's preferred option would be to implement an abandoned RJB plan to huild 17 new small coal faces. The company hlamed "severe" ge-ological problems with a 240metre-long face for the closure decision, though it admitted two 60-metre faces were mak-

ing a small profit.

UDM would then seek funding in 18 months' time to build a 3,500-metre roadway under the Vale of Belvoir, bypassing the geological difficulties, at a cost of up to £150m.

president, said: "RJB may say they don't need the coal now. hut in 20 years' time the situation will be different. Time is running out and that's why it's important to get help from the

Government.

The Department of Trade and Industry confirmed the meeting, though Mr Battle has already indicated the pit's future is the responsibility of RJB. The unions have asked to see him and he's agreed to their request," said a DTI spokesman. Yesterday RJB began interviewing 300 of Asfordby's min-

ers for alternative jobs at three of its pits, Daw Mill in War-wickshire, and Harworth and Maltby near Doncaster. At least half of the 520 staff now look set to leave the company. "How many of the 300 that expressed an interest in moving to other pits make a formal ap-

plication will become clear in the next few weeks," an RJB spokesman said. Mr Greatrex said workers at Asfordby had never considered a direct huyout of the mine. though they were examining possible joint ventures. The pit will be maintained by RJB until late October, after which the two deep shafts will be filled in

and the huge concrete winding towers demulished. The DTI has approved three gas-fired power station projects since the election, despite RJB's calls for a moratorium on gas generation.

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The economy must take its medicine regularly There is still a strong whiff of the late 1980s about the atmosphere of central London, with its shortage of taxis and restaurant seats, and plethora of cranes and scaffolding. But

there are also a few straws in the wind sug-gesting that the booming economy is already coming to heel. It is far too early to spot a trend with only a survey or two to rely on, but economists are hoping that the purchasing managers' reports earlier this week and yesterday's CBI sales survey mean the economy is gliding gently towards sustainable growth. If this turns out to be the case, it will be an early and striking justification of the

Chancellor's decision to give the Bank of England its independence. It will also vindicate the Bank's decision to increase interest rates for four months on the trot, despite an intense lobbying effort against it by industrialists complaining about the strength of the pound.

So far, the Bank's handling of interest rates seems to have been remarkably clever. It has also managed to take the steam out of the pound's asceot by issuing a statement which brought expectations about future interest rate rises back down to earth.

Bot even if growth does now slow down, despite the boost from windfall spending, the pound and its likely effects on exports will remain one of the big worries for the economy. New figures on car and high street sales show unambiguously that imports are climbing at an alarming rate. Recent industry surveys have also suggested a dive in export So even if the Bank has applied the right medicine, the economy will still have to go through one of the symptoms of overheating in the form of a wider trade deficit.

Nor is it certain that inflation will stay on target without further interest rate increase even if the economy is already slowing. Infla-tion lags growth by two years or more, and all forecasts show it is on a rising trend. There is a good case for arguing that it might climb above the 3.5 per cent upper limit on the Government's target without another dose of Bank medicine.

So although the economy is looking hunky-dory right now, by this time next year we could be seeing a yawning trade deficit, declining growth, a falling pound and rising inflation. Sensible policies since 1 May mean these will not be as bad as they might, but there is no guarantee that because the boom is short it means no hangover.

How independent is the Bank of England?

It was always an obvious criticism of Gordon Brown's "made in Britain" approach to an independently determined monetary policy that cronyism alone would in practice continue to give him a big say over interest rate decisions. Of the Bank of England's ninemember monetary policy committee, four are appointed directly by the Chancellor from outside the Bank. Of the Bank's five appointments there are in effect Brown promises. ments, three are in effect Brown nominees

the committee, are all chosen by the Govremaining two members of the committee are tainted, since they are appointed by the Governor, who in turn is appointed by the Chancellor. Though Mr Brown would presumably oever attempt to influence any of these people directly oo the day-to-day con-duct of policy, nor could he be expected to

appoint anyone who was overtly on the other side of the fence politically, or who didn't broadly share his economic and social views. In summary, how independent is the newly independent Bank of England likely to be? To work successfully, any anti-infla-tion policy requires a large degree of consensus between central bank and the politi-cians who ultimately control it. Any central bank which over a prolonged period of time pursues a policy which the elected Govern-ment of the country doesn't want must be doomed to oblivion. So these criticisms of

peodence might seem nit-picking.

Even so, perception is all in the establishment of a credible monetary policy and if there is any question of compromise or a political agenda in the way interest rates are set, theo the battle is lost. The suggestion, then, that all appointments should be "positive vetted" by the cross-party Treasury Select Committee is a good one which the Government ought to welcome. The system already plainly works well in the US, where

Labour's approach to Bank of England inde-

since the Bank's Governor and two deputy

the mere threat that Congress might veto an appointment to the Federal Reserve preof the company and those who run it? GEC vents the Administration opting for obviously hiased candidates.

Raising the life time of these appointments from three to six years also seems a reason-able thing, since this would establish continuity and limit the Government's ability to change committee members that don't suit its political purposes. It is to be hoped that both these measures might be incorporated into the oew Bank of England Bill, due to be published in about three weeks' time.

GEC package gives too much to too few

George Simpsoo, managing director of GEC, arrives at today's annual meeting with enough proxies in his back pocket to steamroller through the group's latest and remarkably generous executive remuneration scheme. The victory will be a Pyrrhic one since a large minority of shareholders will have voted against the package while more still will have abstained in silent protest.

GEC cannot be faulted for wanting to find ways of rewarding its senior staff better after the parsimony of the Weinstock years. Nor can a scheme which aligns the interests of executives more closely with those of shareholders be a bad thing. If Lord Simpson is to turn his blueprint for GEC into reality after a long period of false dawns and share price underperformance, then what better much in the direction of his top executives.

of the company and those who run it? GEC has increasingly discovered that wheo it comes to recruiting and retaining top-flight executive material, then the blunt instrument of the annual bonus is not always sufficient.

So far so Greenbury correct. Where the remuneration package being voted on today comes unstuck is in the sheer size of the for-tunes that a small group of executives stand to make and the modest performance targets they will have to meet for the cash registers to open. Admittedly, only 20 or so of the 200 executives to whom the package applies will be in line for "super options", but they stand to earn eight times their salary (not counting, of course, the annual performance payment topped up by a quarter in the form of bonus shares). Rewards oo this scale are surely excessive in an established organisation like GEC. Amazingly, it only requires GEC to achieve median per-formance against its peers in the FTSE 100 to trigger the exercise of the super options. The architect of this scheme is the unla-

mented Lord Rees Mogg, who retires tomayrow as a non-executive and chairman of the remuneration committee. After today's hubhub has died down, the new intake of nonexecs, including Reed Elsevier's Nigel Stapleton and Baronness Dunn, should take a fresh look at the remuneration package. They should start by telling Lord Simpson that when he decided to distribute GEC's cash pile, the idea was not to shower quite so

Psion puts faith in new model as profits slump

Sameena Ahmad

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A profit warning from Psion, the hand-held computer maker, failed to leave a permanent dent in the company's share price yesterday after David Potter, its chairman and founder, boasted that the new Series 5 model was walking off the shelves".

Shares in the company had a volatile session bot ended the day higher despite Psion warning that the continuing strength of the pound and the impact of the Series 5 launch on sales of existing models would mean full-year profits failing to reach touch screen operated by a £4.1m on sales 20 per cent last year's £16m level. The

months, opened 35p lower at 292p, before rising to 338.5p and falling back to 337.5p, 10.5p

higher on the day. Mr Potter demed that there had been serious production problems with the Series 5, though there had been small difficulties with one supplier of plastic parts. He said the group would meet its 40,000-unit

operating system and cost stylus. It will provide electron- lower at £64m and gross profit share price, which has fallen 25 ic mail, access to the Internet margins a full 5 points lower. which also badly affected results. transition to the 32-bit tech-operating system for hand-held per ceot in the last three and the ability to incorporate Strong growth in Continental Sales in the UK rose just 8 per nology and the strong pound computers.

mobile telephone technology.

"We are well past the transition stage," said Mr Potter. "I am delighted to say this product has gone through the sound harrier. Reviews and reception has been terrific. The problem is meeting demand. Demand is

of launch that we had put legs target by the fourth quarter.
The Series 5, which incorpoon the Series 5, but we must have - it is walking off the rates the group's new 32-bit shelves." Psion's half-year results to almost £30m to develop, has the June were less impressive. Prepower of a large lap-top and a -tax profits fell 38 per cent to

so high that there is no stock Europe, where sales rose 55 per left. We never said at the time cent to £23m, was offset by a £3m hit to profits from the stronger pound, a 54 per cent rise in research costs and extra

staff, and falling sales in the US. Retailers, particularly in the UK, had been destocking the of the Series 3 model to £299 Series 3 organiser in the first quarter in readiness for the tion. Although sales in the seclaunch in June of the Series 5,

cent to £28m, Mr Potter said the UK destocking was reversing as retailers recognised that the Series 5, priced well above the Series 3 at up to £500, was targeted at a different market.

He said a £100 cut in the price would help that differentiaond half would be stronger, the

would mean profits for the year would fall short of last year's

While Mr Potter was "para-noid" about competition and the US remained a difficult market, he said there was no similar model to the Series 5 and that Psioo's operating system EPOC32 was superior to Windows CE, the Microsoft

Sema defends rail inquiry line

Sameena Ahmad

Sema, the Angio-Prench computer services company which supplies all the UK's train timetable and train fare information, yesterday hit out at a report in the consumer magazine Which? claiming that rail passengers telephoning the National Rail Inquiry Service were given inaccurate information on 41 out of 70 occasions.

Peter Cook, who runs BR Business Systems, the train planning company bought by Sema in January this year, defended the inquiry service, which uses information supplied by Sema and employees from Serco, another UK computer services company.

"The researchers picked particularly complex journey issues which meant the database had to answer a lot of complex

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that the inquiry service gave the right price just four out of 21 times when researchers asked about the cost of travelling from Basingstoke io Hampshire to Carlisle in Cumbria and returning via London, Mr Cook said that because customers now always got an answer when they telephoned for information it was understandable that complaints were rising. He said the amount of in-

formation was also increasingly complex; "We have 144 million fares on our database and information on 20,000 trains a day. That is enormous complexity that was never dealt with by BR." Mr Cook said that Sema was training Serco's employees to use the database, but the employees were stretched: "Serco's workers are handling two and a half times the number of calls that they were employed to Which? found, for instance, fast as Serco can hire them."

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Liquidators win £1.3bn Cayman ruling on BCCI

John Willcock

Liquidators to the Cayman. Islands part of Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) hope to recover "hundreds of millions of dollars" for creditors following a court ruling against a former associate of the crashed bank worth

\$2.1hn (£1.3bn).
The Court of Appeal in the Cayman Islands granted the damages against Ghaith Rashid Pharaon, a financier now resideot in Saudi Arahia, and his company Pharaoh Holdings. In the late 1980s Mr Pharaon

"co-mingled" his own operation International Credit and Investment Company (ICIC) with that of BCCl, with the intention of illegally acquiring US banks. When regulators closed

BCCI down in 1991, because of long-term large-scale fraud, they lumped ICIC in with the rest of the liquidation. In one illegal operation, for instance, ICIC managed to buy an American bank, the Iodepeodence Bank of Encino, California, in 1985, via another company, Attock Oil.

The latest court ruling sets the amount Mr Pharaoo owes to creditors. It follows a ruling on 22 May 1995 in which the Cayman Islands courts found that Mr Pharaoo "was found to have participated in a conspiracy to conceal ICIC's ownership of oil interests held by the Attock Oil Company".

Mr Pharaon has four criminal indictments against him in the US and has also been fined a total of \$37m by the US Federal Reserve over his attempts to buy US banks illegally.
A spokesman for Deloitte &

Touche said yesterday that they were confident they would be able to recover hotels and real estate holdings belonging to Mr Pharaon worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

BCCI was registered in three separate jurisdictions, London, Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands, and sets of liquidators have been appointed by the courts for each jurisdiction. Last year the US Federal Re-

serve permaneotly barred Mr Pharaon from US banking. Wetherspoon may

Andrew Yates

JD Wetherspoon, the rapidly expanding pub group, said yes-terday it was looking to make its first foray overseas by opening a chain of pubs in Paris. Tim Martin, the group's chairman, said he was looking at sites in Paris and was also considering opening pubs in capital cities across Europe.

Wetherspoon also moved to deflect criticism that Mr Martin wielded too much power at the group by promoting the operating director, John Hutson, to

managing director. Mark McQuater, Wetherspoon's previous managing di-rector, resigned last November after less than three years with the company, amid specula-

tion that Mr Martin was unwilling to relinquish control of the group he founded. Mr Mar-tin did concede yesterday that the group needed to strengthen its board to reflect the expansion the business. On expansion, Mr Martin

open pubs in Paris

said: "There are more Britons in Paris than there are in Reading and we have four pubs in Reading. We also like the idea of moving into Ireland." Wetherspoon has also em-

barked oo an accelerated UK pub opening programme. It plans to open 350 outlets by 2001 at a rate of more than

one a week. The group is intent oo growing its presence outside London in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

IN BRIEF

Hambro reveals new plan for Saracen

JO Hambro has submitted oew proposals to Saracen Value Trust after being told its initial takeover plan for the underperforming company was not feasible. The new scheme, which will cost £1.1m, offers shareholders a choice between receiving cash or taking shares in a new trust that will continue to invest in small companies but with substantially different holdings. Hambro's main rival, Invesco, is planning to offer Saracen shareholders a switch into Invesco's existing English & International trust, a unit trust or a cash alternative. The Sarscen board will meet this morning to decide its oext moves, but it is unlikely anything will be put formally to an extraordinary meeting oo 18 September at which a third offer, from HSBC, is to be considered. Saracen shares fell 1p to 97p.

M&S director makes £278,000 on options

Keith Oates, deputy chairman and joint managing director of Marks & Spencer, made a profit of £278,000 from exercising share options. Mr Oates exercised a senior option over 37,815 shares at 254p and then sold the stake at 607.5p a share. He exercised another senior option over a further 51,063 shares at 329p and subsequently sold at 612p. The shares were registered in the came of Greenwood Nominees Limited.

Interim profits up 30% at Senior

Senior Engineering expressed confidence in the future after reporting a 30 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £21m for the half year to June. Alan Watkins, chairman, said the significant improvement had been particularly evident in North American operations, now 70 per cent of the operating total. The Flexonics business, 90 per cent of the total, looked set to produce a strong contribution in 1997. Although operating profits dipped from £3.94m to £2.04m in engineered products and services he said that "overall, we continue to be confident of another year of real progress for the group". The intetim dividend is raised 11 per cent to 1.6p.

First Gas raises funds for Philippine deal

A joint venture company including BG, the former British Gas has raised £425m to build a gas-fired power station in the Philippines. First Gas Power Corporation, in which BG has a 40 per cent stake, will use the funds to complete the project, on Luzon island, which is expected to cost £556m. BG said the fund-raising exercise was the first in which the European Investment Bank had loaned money to an Asian power venture. In June First Gas agreed a deal with Shell and Occidental to buy gas from an off-shore field in the Philippines.

Enterprise buys 94 pubs from Whitbread

Enterprise Inns is buying 94 pubs in the South of England from Whitbread for £9.4m cash. The pubs sold approximately 10,500 barrels of Whithread-supplied beer, excluding guest ales, in the year to February 1997. The outlets formed part of the Whitbread Pub Partnership estate and are run as leases or tenancies. Licensees have the opportunity to transfer to Enterprise Inns agreements. Separately, Enterprise Irms announced that it had recently acquired eight former managed houses from Pubmaster for £1.6m.

Northern Rock brokers set up helpline

Wise Speke, the stockbroker to the flotation of Northern Rock Building Society, has set up a helpline for members to advise them on the best way of dealing with their windfall share allowance, which could be worth up to £2,000. Members can call 0191-201 3990.

Magic boost for Greene King

Greene King's chairman, David McCall, told the annual meeting that profits were ahead and benefiting from the Magic acquisition.

We have had a good start to the financial year. With the conand has recently opened pubs timing benefits of the Magic acquisition, our profits are well ahead of last year and meeting current budgets.



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Sema throws its weight around

Sema, the Anglo-French information technology group, always had the air of a heavyweight, even when it was a fraction of its current size.

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Though not yet a member of the FTSE 100 index, it can hardly be long before this fast-growing systems inte-gration and outsourcing company, employing 150,000 people and capitalised at £1.00n, is promoted.

Shares in Sema have outperformed the market by 144 per cent over the past five years.

Less than two years ago, Sema's share price stood at less than 500p. Today, ahead 7.5p after strong half-year results, the price is over £14. That reflects the impressive pace of change wrought at the group in the past few wars by Pierre Bonelli, the group's charismatic chief executive.

What initially released the group's

share price was the sale in late 1995 of Cap Gemini's 28 per cent stake. Before that. Sema had been 41 per cent owned collectively by Gemini, Paribas and France Telecom and trading in the group's shares was sticky at best.

Since then, Sema has not put a foot wrong. Acquisitions such as Olivetti's ttalian outsourcing arm, Syntax, and BR Business Systems, which supplies the fare and timetabling database for Britain's railways, have shown Sema's ability to huy potentially high-growth husinesses for bargain-basement prices.

The company has also been highly successful in developing global critical mass. The US, which represents just I per cent of sales, has until now remained out of reach.

But the recent overhaul of its complex shareholding structure means that Sema is no longer classified un-der US hanking law as a bank.

As a bank. Sema was severely con-strained in the US, able to supply only certain types of financial products, such as billing and related software systems for mobile phones.

Now that the Paribas stake has been converted into a simple minority shareholding, the US is open season for

With more thao half the world market in outsourcing and systems integratinn in the US and huge opportunities in telecoms, that is pretty good news for shareholders.

Mr Bonelli says he would be disappointed if the US did not represent at least 10 per cent of group activities by

Any concerns that Sema might get stuck in the maturiog defeoce and energy markets look groundless. Half-year results to June, where profits rose 32 per cent to £26m, show that

finance has overtaken defeoce as

Sema's largest sector, with telecoms

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growth a hefty 91 per cent on the previnus year, boosted by acquisitions.
UBS forecasts £63.5m profits for the full year. Though a forward price-earnings ratin of 37 is steep, this one should keep gning.

Hillsdown sticks with diverse menu

ittle more than a year into the job nf chief executive of Hillsdown Holdings, the food and hnusebuilding conglomerate, and George Greener is already speaking glowingly about his new charge. His sentences are studded with management gobbledegook such as "economic value added". mutuality of benefit" and the dreaded "core competencies".

company whose shares have underperformed the market by 34 per cent in the past three years. On yesterday's evidence, there is a way to go yet.

With his strategic review completed, it is clear there will be no radical shakeup of the Hillsdown portfolio, which still nesses are struggling.

includes a diverse spread of businesses, including Typhoo tea, ready-made meals and Fairview Hnmes. There are no plans to sell the noo-food businesses. Instead Hillsdown plans to withdraw from its red meat operations and sell a bast of other businesses in packaging and leather with total assets of £85m. Talks on deals are well advanced

and the company is planning a £30m write-down in the full-year figures.

But, looking at Hillsdown's half-year figures, it is clear that there are potential dangers ahead. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June rose from £44m to £57m. But as the operating level, profits at three of the four food husinesses fell. The figures were rescued by a strong performance from the furniture and house-building businesses, which are clearly benefiting from the upswing in the economic cycle.

The worry is that when the econom But the City will forgive him much comes off the boil, Hillsdown will hit more than this if he can kick-start a the buffers unless its food husinesses comes off the boil, Hillsdown will hit can start generating growth. At the moment they are very much a mixed bag. The chilled husiness is performing well, poultry was badly affected by a freak viral outhreak in the sector which cost £2.5m, and the grocery busi-

Trading record	1994	1995 Full year	1996	1996 half	1997 year
Turnever (£m)	596	678	927	423.	580
Pre-tax profits (£m)	29.5	36.9	50.0	19.8	26.2
Earnings per share (p)	20.7	24.3	30.9	12.91	- 16.03
Dividends per share (p)	4.00	5.00	6.00	2.3	2.8
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Sema: At a glance

On forecasts of £165m, the shares, up 6.5p to 169.5p yesterday, trade on a forward rating of just 10. This is a substantial discount to the sector, while a yield of more than 6 per cent

provides support.

But the City will want to see more evidence of growth in food before the shares enjoy a re-rating. Potentially a good bet, but perhaps too early to chase

Scholl starts to stride ahead

chull is a brand name which has Sfallen on hard times over the years. From 1995, the maker of the famous wooden-soled sandals and corn plasters was at the centre of a hitter dispute with shareholders, but new management, led by ex-Fisons boss Stuart Wallis, is at last starting to lead

the group out of the mire.

A clear-out of underperformers, alongside a decision to fix the focus single-mindedly on the Scholl hrand, has already worked wonders for operating margins, which have jumped by more than a third in the six months to June. The effects of that oo yesterday's interim results are muddled both by the £35.7m exceptional charge taken last time and the negative impact of the pound in the latest figures. At the pre-tax level, losses of £21.9m turned into a surplus of £15.4m, but stripping out the effects of one-offs and exchange rates, underlying operating profits were up 25 per cent. There is still a hit more to go for on margins. But the real test for Mr Wallis and his team is to prove their ability to build the top line.

Scholl has strong positions in some markets, notably the burnions to de-odorant footcare products business and in sandals and other footwear sold through chemists. The hope is that further expansion into chiropody services at its 90 European retail outlets and new products will get sales moving.
Only time will tell, but there should

be scope to pump more products through the distribution network. The management is also ready to contemplate acquisitions with firepower which could be worth up to £100m. Meantime. there are no talks with Schering Plough, Scholl's original owner, about huying the US operations, the one part of the business Schering still retains, but the possibility of Schering bidding for Scholl plc could provide some support for the shares, up 7p at 286p yesterday. At that level, they stand oo a forward p/e of 17, assuming profits of £22.5m in the full year. Reasonable value.

Mutuality hero steps back from his cause

PEOPLE & BUSINESS

What's left of the mutual building society sector is aehast at the news that John Wriglesworth, the self-styled champion of mutuality against the dark forces of conversion. has deserted Bradford & Bingley building society for the verdant pastures of his own "strategic communications consultancy". If Mr Wriglesworth's leaving, of all people, then surely B&B and the rest are about to surren-der to the carpetbaggers? "No, no, no, Bradfard &

Bingley are absolutely committed to staying mutual. My leaving does not mean they are going to convert." Mr Wriglesworth assures me. "It was all amicable. Bradford & Bingley are going to be one of

my first clients."
Mr Wriglesworth will leave his joh as director of marketing in October to launch his own London-based consultancy. He will not have to move house, he says, although he's flogging his flat in Yorkshire. He has a home

in Clapham, south London. Mr Wriglesworth, 40, joined B&B three years ago from UBS, where he was just about the only person you could phone for a quote on the state of the building

society market. Bizarrely, Mr Wriglesworth is also a former champion of demutualisation, having drawn up the master plan for Abbey National's conversion into a bank in 1989. Before that he had been an academic, an economics lecturer and admissions tutor.

"If any societies are thinking of converting, they should call me up first and I'll save them," he says. "Staying mutual is not a dead duck or a disaster. This lemming-like stampede to become banks will come to a sticky end, with converted societies being asset stripped."

Shy and retiring former Euro-tunnel boss Sir Alastair Morton has got a new parttime joh advising the ABB-Daimler Benz rail joint



John Wriglesworth: Satting up his own consultancy

venture, Adtranz. But it isn't the "last hig joh" observers expected him to take when he stood down from chunnel

company last October. Instead Sir Alastair intends spending one-third of his time on Adtranz, one-third on a project as yet unannounced and the rest oo various hits and pieces. He says: "I had six months

off after leaving Eurotunnel -I travelled to Antarctica. South and Central America. the South Pacific and South Africa. I spent most of the time just watching the world go by. It was very relaxing after 10 years in Eurotunnel. "I'm now collecting a port-

such as transport, the structuring of major projects." This sounds suspiciously like Sir Alastair mellowing with old age. I still forecast another hig job at some point.

folio of jobs that interest me,

Some of the 100-odd guests at Merrill Lynch's 10th annu-al clients' dinner at Cliveden oo Wednesday found it a hit of a struggle keeping up with the after-dinner speaker, Mikhail Gorbachev. Apparently the former Soviet premier came on at 11pm and proceeded to give his thoughts on Russia, China and world affairs for a full hour, via an interpreter. The

institutional investors were

dropping like flies towards the end. I hear, despite the excellence of the speech.

Not to worry, everyone left happy, with one attendee describing the sumptuous feast at the stately home-turned-hotel as "the do of the decade". Former Smith New Court boss Michael Marks hosted the event in his new role as Merrili's chief operating officer for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, while his old number twn at Farringdnn Road, Paul Roy, also gave a short speech.

While Sir Desmond Pitcher continues in fight for his corporate life at United Utilities. one of his directors is defecting to Mersey Docks and Harbour Company. Simon Bird. United's executive director of international operations, is joining the Liverpool company as enumercial director. Mersey Docks and Harbour is in the depths of a hitter dockers' strike. Sounds like a case of out of the frying pan, into the fire.

UBS has lost its global head of research, Nigel Lester, to Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, which has appointed him director of marketing and client services for its equities division. Mr Lester left UBS two months ago and the Swiss bank has yet to decide how to replace him. At Kleinwort he will be in charge of the "client visiting programme" which sounds like a lot of flying around and a lot of dinners.

Former Wall Street high-flyer Bob Diamood has made such a splash at BZW since he joined as chief executive of global markets in July 1996 that he's been promoted to the Barclays Bank executive

A spokespersoo for the investment bank said Mr Diamond had "streamlined" the business and relaunched the team" since he arrived from CSFB in New York.

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Redevelopment will close Wembley for two years

Andrew Yates

Wembley, the leisure group that operates Wembley Stadium, said yesterday the ground was likely to be closed for at least two years under the latest redevelopment plans submitted to the English Sports Council. The move will mean sporting events from the FA Cup Final to England's international lootball games will have to be moved to alternative venues.

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Negotiations between Wembley and the Sports Council have been dogged by delays. De-tails of the new stadium were due to be finalised this summer. However. Wembley said it was confident the revised plans

would soon get the green light. Claes Hultman, Wembley's chairman, said yesterday: "We are optimistic that this plan will be agreed soon. The stadium will have to be knocked down. It will take two years to finish."

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cover most of the development' costs, although the total cost of that the Government will eventually plug the funding gap.

£200m. However, Wembley moved to allay fears that the Government will eventually plug the funding gap.

Wembley had hoped to keep part of the stadium open project would suffer from a lack of funds. Mr Hultman said: "We are in complex negotiations at the moment

The scheme has been given finance director said the group a provisional grant of £120m was not likely to have to pay out from the National Lottery to any extra money for the development, raising speculation

throughout the redevelopment and is to receive compensation for loss of earnings during the refit. The loss of a US legal hut we do not expect any dispute, which cost Wembley funding problems." Wembley's £16.7m, saw the group plunge

into the red. It made a pre-tax slipped from £15.6m to £14.2m loss of £3m for the six months to June.

The case involved a dispute hetween the PCC ticketing agency, once owned by Wembley, and US tival Moviesone, with whom the group entered into a co-operation agreement. But problems emerged when PCC was sold to Ticketmaster, who did not maintain the original agreement. Wembley's underlying pre-tax profits also in the second half.

due to impact of the huge success of Euro 96 football tournament on last year's figures.

Operating profits from the Wembley complex fell to £5.7m (£7.91m). Revenue at Wembley Arena fell due to a lack of higname draws. However, the group said that concerts from a bost of stars, including Elton John and Gary Glitter, should ensure the arena earnings rose

German losses deepen at Amec

Magnus Grinond

Amec, the construction group which fought off a bid from its Norwegian rivals Kvaerner at the end of 1995, yesterday painted a glowing picture of the outlook for the business, despite deepening losses from the German operations.

Describing the outlook for the group as "certainly more favourable than at any time in recent years", the chairman, Sydney Gillihrand, revealed that the group may seek a part-ner for Kittelberger, its German operation, which accounted for most of the more than doubled losses of £8.9m from continental businesses in the first six months of the year.

Mr Gillibrand said they had yet to have any meaningful talks with prospective huyers of of the husiness, while Amec stressed that they were keeping an open mind on such a sale, which would anyway be a plan for the medium or long term. In the meantime, the rationalisation announced last year

is continuing. Turnover in 1998 is set to be cut to around 60 per cent of this year's target in an atempt to reduce contract risks in the depressed German market. Separately, Mr Gillibrand of them in the second half.

squashed rumours that the group wanted to sell its Fairclough Homes househuilding operation, but hinted it might be merged with another group. Profits there were £4.5m in the first half, up from break-even before, after operating margins jumped from 4 to 6.5 per cent on a 31 per cent jump in the average price of houses sold to £102.600. The chairman said he wanted to retain the earnings stream "for the foreseeable

future -- a couple of years". The comments came as Amec reported a jump in group pre-tax profits from £12.1m to £40.2m in the half year to June, inflated by £24.2m of gains on the disposal of peripheral businesses. As a reflection of its confidence in the future, the group is raising the interim dividend by 17 per cent to 1.75p.

Operating profits up from £18.5m to £19.8m benefited from a maiden £2m contribu-tion from Spie Batignolles, the French construction group in which Amec bought a 42 per cent stake this year. The group bore £3m of costs from tenders under the Government's public finance initiative, up from £2m for the whole nf last year, but said it expected to recover most

	Compa	ny Resu	Its	
	Turnover £	Pro-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Abocus Recruitment (F)	14 4m (6.5m)	0.80m (0.40m)	8.3p (3.8p)	1.5p (mil
Caird Group (1)	9 6m (9.9m)	2.05m (7.98m)	56.75p (705.3p)	5p (3p)
Cala (F)	108m (81.9m)	7.83m (4.21m)	12.26p (5.58p)	3.75p (-)
Cattles (i)	165m (155m)	32.5m (14.7m)	16.3p (7.2p)	3.25p (2 8p)
Churchill Chine (!)	28.3m (26.8m)	2.97m (2.71m)	19.3p (17 3p)	4 9p (4.3p)
Fite Indexer (I)	19.4m (17.5m)	0.81m (0.58m)	3.63p (2.51p)	1 1g (1.0p)
Friendly Hotels (1)	24.2m (18.4m)	1.60m (1.21m)	3.4p (2 8p)	2.20 (2.2p)
Gibbs & Bandy (1)	17.8m (14.2m)	0.38m (0.50m)	3.3p (4.3p)	nii (-)
AF Group (1)	7.3m (8.6m)	1 35m (2.20m)	5 98p (12.49p)	7p (7p)
IBC Broop (I)	67.0m(60:0m)	8.33m (7.22m)	15.7p (14.8p)	3.70 (3.3p)
Laire Greup (I)	502m (493m)	34 7m (34 1m)	16.2p (16 8p)	5.4p (4 9p)
Laser Sean (I)	3.Dm (4.Dm)	-0.50m (0.13m)	-1.8p (0.4p)	rd (-)
Matsiers (I)	81.6m (74 Gm)*	1.18m (2.56m)	2.03p (8.04p)	3 tp (3.1p)
Metaes (i)	34.6m (30.1m)	2.02m (1.56m)	8.52p (6.49p)	15p ().2p)
Mortsh (1)	k4,4m k(4.2m)	k1.57m (k0.89m) 1114 Sp (In6.18p)	11.0p (-)
Paion (I)	64.4m (63.7m)	(m12.8) and0 b	3 55p (5.88p)	0 70p (0 65p)
Reunion Mistor (I)	-2.1m (1.9m)	-0 91m (-1.09m)	-2.3p (-3.3p)	nii (·)
Royal Dualton (1)	112m (114m)	°4.32m (4.16m)	5.40 (5.30)	2.30 (2.250)
Sexua Group (!)	580m (427m)	26.2m (19.8m)	16.03p (12.91p)	2.8p (2.3p)
Sebell (I)	97 7av (119m)	15.37m (-21.9m) 12.6p (-31.6p)	3.3p (3p)
Senior Englacering (II)	240m (292m)	21.1m (16.2m)	5.04p (3.8p)	†1.6p (1.44p)
Signal Group (I)	371m (370m)	1.94m (-5 95m)	39.8p (-7.3p)	nl (·)
Steel Barrill Jones (I)	18.0m (20 0m)	-0.88m (1 45m)	-1 93p (1.74c)	0.75p (0.75p)
Swallewiicki (1)	20.0m (18.3m)	1 46m (1 31m)	7.20 (6.4p)	3.30 (3p)
Yardon (1)	43.7m (26.6m)	5.09m (1.98m)	2.8p (1.6p)	0 8p (0.45p)
ID Wetherspoon (I)	139m (101m)	17.6m (13 1m)	43.3p (33.6p)	70p (-)
Yorklyde (I)	11.3m (11 4m)	0 77m (1.10m)	4.70 (6.90)	2.650 (2.65n)

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Royal Doulton looks to dish up £1.5m in cost cuts next year



the recent announcement of 330 redundancies out of a workforce of 4,800. The company is 'looking at the cost base around the world', he said yesterday. These measures, which include a

Royai Doulton's chief

refused to rule out further job cuts at the company's UK base in Stoke following

reduction in the size of the board to five executive directors from nine, are aimed at saving £1.5m in costs next year. The strength of sterling in the first half knocked £4.5m off sales, and sales

to tourists at the company's central London retail outlets were down 10 per cent. Group turnover in the first half feli by 2.2 per cent to £111.6m and pretax profits, after taking account of a £3.3m exceptional charge, fell

from £4.2m to £1m. The company will hold on to its traditional formal tableware market but future growth will be driven by casual tablewear (left), glass and cold-cast gift products.

other two sites in York and

Wembley by the end of the year

and another four centres next

Metropolitan chain.

year. It is also expanding its

Nick Irens, Vardon's chief ex-

ecutive, said yesterday: "The

health and fitness market is

growing strongly. We hope to

Vardon whips its health clubs into shape

Andrew Yates

Vardon, the leisure group that runs the London Dungeon and Sea Life Centres, yesterday announced plans to rapidly expand its health and fitness division. The group is launching a £20m capital expenditure programme on its health clubs over the oext two years and has earmarked another £20m for acquisitions. Vardon also plans to expand into continental Europe by

building a Dungeon visitor at-

opening more Sea Life Centres in Germany.

However, Vardon has turned its back on the UK market. the National Lottery. However, David Hudd, chairman, said: the group said it had no plans "The market in the UK probahly has too many visitor attraclooking to huild any more over here." Visitors at London Dungeon have been disappointing, despite a new water ride called Judgement Day, due to the strong pound which has deterred overseas tourists from vistraction in Amsterdam and iting the capital.

Vardon has also postponed new investment in its hingo husiness, which has been hit by

to dispose of the operation. Vardoo acquired its health tions already and we are not and fitness business just over a year ago when it bought Dy-namic Leisure for £40.5m. Since it acquired and is now keen to grow the chain.

£30m Courtney's leisure centre profits to £5.1m despite a in Croydon. It hopes to open an-

make it a national husiness. We then it has revamped the clubs are also in talks to buy clubs from other operators. Vardon announced a 75 per Vardon recently opened a cent rise in underlying pre-tax

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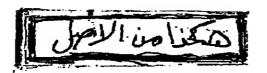
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Standard Chartered, the banking group, is emerging as the stock market's main casualty in 1,081.5p, largely on the storm which engulied Pacific currency and share markets. the Far Eastern fall-out. In busy trading the shares fell a further 38.5p to 808p with talk of large lines of stock on offer.

It was suggested selling was coming from South-east Asia. But Standard has only one sig-nificant Asian shareholder, Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, with

around 15 per cent.
The Malaysian businessman, one of the so-called White Squires who rescued the bank from the unwanted attentions of Lloyds TSB 11 years ago, is, however, an un-likely seller. Indeed there is speculation Standard's retreat will encourage him to top up his shareholding. Even if Far Eastern interests

are remaining faithful there is no doubt the Standard share

Standard's big Far Eastern exposure was highlighted yes-terday by problems at its se-curities operation in Manila. The Philippine banking authorities are investigating al-leged breaches of the country's investment laws. Standard said it was co-operating although it felt it had we broken the law.

HSBC, the market's other major Pacific victum, edged a few coppers higher to 2,042.5p, after an early fall. The rest of the market moved narrowly with Footsie ending 14.4 points higher at 4,991.3. A Confederation of British Industry survey pointing to a retail slowdown helped sentiment and engineers, like Lucas Varies, up 8.5p to 205.5p, scored from the less exuberant display by steeling.



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ened 13.5p to 651.5p, dragging Kingfisher 13.5p lower to 751.5p.

Mercury Asset Manage-ment fell 41p to 1,287.5p on worries about its performance during this year's bull market. Stockbroker BWD firmed to Stockbroker BWD firmed to 125p although it was left to Charles Stanley, unchanged at 131.5p, to attempt an acquisitive swoop, opening talks with MeesPierson to buy its Shaw & Co stockbroking arm.

British Energy, up 13p to 183.5p, was helped by an HSBC push; last week Morgan Stanley put a buy sign over the shares. The second instalment of last summer's flotation is due.

Nat West Securities saying the shares were worth picking up.

down to 4.5p, recovered to ing investments. Beales Hunter, a refrigeration g Toad, the loss making car security company once riding

at 117.5p, reversed 4p to 29.5p, a new low. The latest sell-off followed a modest stake re-Ocean, the transport group, rose 16p to 583.5p, a peak, after meeting institutions, and Tarmac, the building materials group, hardened 7p to 123.5p with SBC Warburg saying buy up to 150p. Amersham International, the health core duction by Newton Invest-ment Management. It sold just over 50,000 shares, cutting its holding to 3.82 per cent. The car alarms business has suffered a boardroom up-heaval this year with four dinational, the health care group, jumped 35p to 2,025p after meeting Oslo analysts ahead of its merger with the Norwegian Nycomed group. Publisher Mediakey kept rectors departing. In May it linked with TV personality Noel Edmonds.

Tradepoint, the share dealing system, continued to firm ahead of next month's arrival of order driven trading. Utility Cable, which gets up the takeover action among second-liners by reporting a bid approach. The shares rose

Williams, making a late bid depressed shares even lower.

for inclusion in the Footsie index, firmed to 365.5p, with

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and 20p.

Vision, a video group, is rated a buy by stockbroker Greig
Middleton at around 130p. Although it has produced two

292p. profit warnings in little more than three months analyst Richard Andrews beheves the video-conferencing market is

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UC has been a poor investment with entrepreneur Luke Johnson, a director, one who has suffered. He has around 7 per cent of the company cent yield. They go ex-dividend of Monday. The company dend on Monday. The company of the suffer of of t dend oo Monday. The com-pany, which suffered a profit fall from £3,26m to £1,71m, is capitalised at £9.5m. Its shares have been as high as

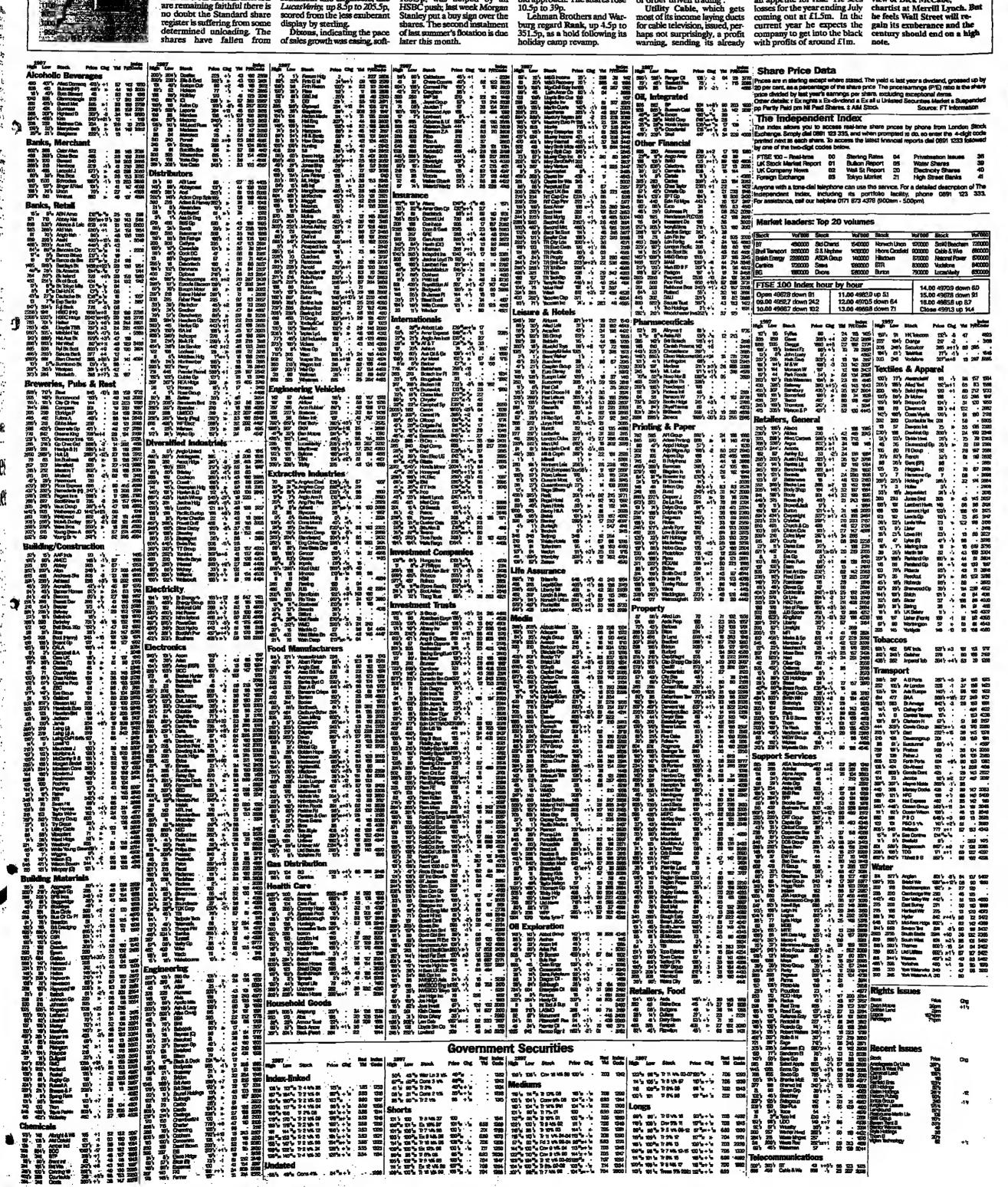
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Bluff should get them off the bit

RICHARD EDMONDSON

A huge, grey horse will be in evidence at Haydock this afternoon and the only thing stronger than his massively muscular form will be the bridle and hit that forms the mechanism of his

steering equipment.

Coastal Bluff would surely have won the Nunthorpe Stakes outright at York last month, had it oot been for the malfunction in his hit which meant that Kevin Darley was forced to hang oo to his mount's mane and effect an impression of a brave bearing down on the circled sanctuary of a wagon train.

The five-year-old's accnutrements will be checked so thoroughly today that they will surely not let him down again. The pertinent question will be whether he is good enough to hold nff a refreshed set of new rivals in the Group One Haydock Park Sprint Cup. He beat Averti on the Knavesmire without a steering wheel and he should dn so again, but oow there are nther foes.

Royal Applause was meant to be the champion sprinter ear-

Dog day evening

There is no horse racing in the country tomorrow but Britain is still going to the dogs, writes lan

The British Greyhound Rac-ing Board yesterday stressed that tomorrow night's meetings will go ahead. All horse racing and the afternoon greybound meetings scheduled for tomorrow have been called off in respect for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. However, Geoffrey Thomas, the BGRB chief executive, said: "Greyhound racing should affer those wishing to go out on Saturday night the opportunity to do so."

Britain's challenge for Sun-day's Moyglare Stud Stakes in Ireland was reduced to just Bahr yesterday when Crazee Mental was ruled out of the Group. One race. Derek Haydn Jones, her trainer, pulled his filly out befrom the injury that denied her a run in the Lowther Stakes.

A maximum of nine will contest Sunday's mile Group One Prix du Moulin de Longchamp after the defection of Deadly Dudley and Titus Livius.

Mick Fitzgerald was stood down for seven days yesterday after heing knocked unconscious at Fontwell.

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HYPERION

2.25 Saucy Nun 2.55 Red Jam Jar 3.25 Wild Brook 4.00 Greenfinch 4.30 Lochnagrain 5.05

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BETTENS: 11.6 Long is The Durk, 11.4 Lord Rusbagh, 7-2 Samey Now, 13-2

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and since then there has been the trumpeting of Danetime, the victor in the Stewards' Cup. The latter travels to Newton-le-Willows with an impressive reputation, but as a handicap winoer he can hardly be led in the same trough as Green Desert, Ajdal, Dayjur and Sheikh Aladou, all of whom have won this race inside the last 12 years. In truth, nothing in today's field seems worthy of elevation

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Coastal Bluff (Haydock 2.50) NB: Freequent (Epsom 3.05)

to that standard, though the sus-picion remains that COASTAL BLUFF (nap 2.50) is still spreading strength throughout his juggernaut frame. As he also achieves his venomous best like male wasps at this time of the year he must be the selection.

Epsom, too, has been brought forward in avoid the mourning of Saturday and gives us the September Stakes as its main dish. One of the contestants here is Dushyantor (3.40), a nearly horse of last season



EPSOM

2.05: MALE-ANA-MOU, off the course since finishing eight lengths seventh to Orsay over an inade-quate 1m 2f 7yds at Sandown in uoe, is poteotially well-

2.35: POLAR PRINCE, prove over this tricky course, has less to do than when 7/2 lengths third to the subsequently disqualified Cape Cross in the Group Two Celebration Mile at Goodwood last time.

3.05; SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY, a slightly disappointing head second to Isitoff over 1m 2f at Ripon last time, has a chance on his pre-vious 1 // lengths second to Amyas in a valuable 1m 2f 85yds rated ndicap at York

bounced back to form with a neck victory over Pansma City in the 1m 5f 61yds Group Two Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury, looks a cut above today's rivals.

HAYDOCK . 2.50: DANETIME, who landed a big ante post samble in the Stew-ards' Cap Handicap over 6f at Goodwood, can successfully step up in class.

considered worthy of another campaign. This decision looked like being as deeply rash as an attack of shingles until the colt resurrected his reputation in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury last month. Another hard-

fought success seems likely.
The opening contest bears
the words "hot water" in the
sponsors elongated title, which is exactly where punters are likely to end if they speculate ex-travagantly. When the change does come out of the pocket it should be proffered in support of the the course and distance winner, Dance So Suite (2.05). Another who has proved him-self over this devilish terrain is Polar Prince (2.35), who cap-tured the Diomed Stakes over today's distance at the Derby meeting. That was in the stratosphere of Group Three company and the four-year-old has been highly tried since without any tangible success. Back in the requisite company.

he should be a winner. And finally, funds should be preserved for Luca Cumani's Freequent (next best 3.05), who is sure in have come on for his pipe-npener in a white-hot handicap at York last month. The time for practice is over:

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4.30 WINTER WHEAT HANDICAP CHASE

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Held Hoe Yaroom is interesting - having joined Ring Aleburst from Dick Hem. Although this top would seem too sturp based on his Hoe Yaroom's form last year - his two were being gained over 14 fairlongs at Yaroom's form last year - his two were being gained over 14 fairlongs at Yaroom's form last year - his two were being gained over 14 fairlongs at Yaroom's first help to the been so the best of possibles is Danoe Siz Suffe, even if he has been a bit below form of lets. He put in some sold efforts last year, however, including when fourth of 20 to Better Offer in the Yose Such and this, has run into form judged on his recent Lingshall accord to Bold Busser in sections of the hash of the put of the hash of the put of the hash of the put of the hash of th 2.35 ROOF UNITS FORTUNE STAKES (Listed race) (CLASS A) £16,250 added 1m 114yds £11,055

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PORM GUIDE

CRIMSON TIDE was returning from a three-month absence when taking on Hissash and Cape Cross in a five-numer event at Sendown 23 days ago and Michael His was under instructions to win if he could, but not to sabject his mount to a hard race. Even with the sympathetic handling, Crimson Thide locked like winning SCO years cut, but tack of condition told in the closing stages and he finished two lengths behind the principals, John Hissas always rated Crimson Tide locked like winning Scot Series cut, but lock of conditions to the series are no more set, backs, Athough he are poorly in the Dance after his Febrian Stakes Devermented that to Fahrs, he showed at Sendown trust he still possesses bags of potential. The true is on the sharp side, but his latest run will have done him a power of good and he gets the nod over latithash. Doubl Morley's cost had conditions in his two or in a one-mile conditions event at Donesser in July and duly beet listed and Hi Mod. That was his first run since being beet-only octains at Thirst in May and the impression gained that day was that seven trainings or an easy mile would suit him best. So the ears 11.4 years here might just find him out. Fleet River runs for the first time show being Caribbean Share and Systein his a swen-furling Silien' melden at Scootwood just over a year ago. This daugner of Riverman is a half-sister to Ethist and after the Goodwood win she was quicked it only 10-1 for the Ore Thousand Quineas. She could be very good, but this it a decent task for her, Peles Princie won the Domed over the course and desprice in June, but must give 12to Ormain Tids and instable and 17to to the Cace 89.

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River Usis looked a nervous son test year and was telem to post early before writing the Schem House Stakes at Newmeriet in November. The form of his earlier with at Haydock eas boosted when Delsah (truth belted in at York on Wednesdey and Beref Usik is bound to be its enough to the himself jusce. PRESENT ARRES and not make ritich of an interestion in the ten-future; both handicap he contested 16 days ago and has his work but out to make up a big levery on the York numer-up. Sendence chambers, but he is capable of better form from their. He loved the cut in the ground when winning a 0-105 handicap at Acct on King George Vi day and came home two and is half langths almost of Genne Ploy and Russan Musse, who has since un in 8 close thand to concert in in the Bradford And Bradge at York, He elso showed his appreciation of an easy surface when winning over ten furiously at Doncaster in June and he had Sendence Chambers manny agint lengths behand better than the process of the race won by Armys from Sandmoor Chambers and as Damish Rhaspoody out of the race won by Armys from Sandmoor Chambers at York and as Damish Rhaspoody on the looked a bit bedown last time light race of the session) and he won time times better hearer remang fourth of 150 on ground too heavy in the Gern Presmo d'table 122h at San Saro in late Segrender.

3.40 SEPTEMBER STAKES (Group 3) (CLASS A) £30,000 C4

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FORSE GUIDE
POSSIONARS has not run smoe firsthing thin of set to Bose Sham over ten futiongs at Sandown in May, but it high-class and could be the sort to empty 8 golden Asturm. He conceded weight all round when winning the Princess Of Wellet 1 States at Newmarket 1.4 months, ago - bearing Singspiel - and ren in venous countines after that, including when a short-heed accord in Group One connectly in Disselforf. He should get the easy surface that such a first and is preterred to Disshyautor, who was all but to best Panama Coy in Newbord Sacting Fram Stakes last month when wearing 8 tongue-step for the first time. He had been such to Sitematur in the Princess Of Welles's Stakes at Newmarket previously, world been such to Sitematur pace when it mattered.

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[4.10] UNITED HOUSE NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000
added 270 6f Penalty Value £3,501.

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5.10 DEAN & WOOD MADEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added 7f Penaity Value £3,025

5.40 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,900 added 3YO 1m 114yds Penalty Value £3,371

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2.50 HAYDOCK PARK SPRINT CLP (Group 1) (CLASS A) £100,000 added of Penalty Value £75,292

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3.20 E.B.F. BIRKENHEAD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000

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3.50 KING'S RESIMENT CUP LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 6f Penalty Value £3,485 J Franksy & E M 1 Kisyme 1 = 18 declayed = BETTME: 3-1 Str. Lovy, 7-2 Bolomain; Benezit, 9-2 Hobey Babe, 5-1 Atomai, 7-1 Florentin, 16-1 Proods Cn. 13-1 Dayyille, 14-1 State Of Cartino, 18-1 Schaerkovst, Watch The Fire 1998: No Moršey Mais 3 9 D J Caroll 6-1 IJ Boryl down 14) 9 ran 4.20 NORWEST HOLST CONSTRUCTION CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £2,885

4.50 NORWEST HOLST CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 120yds Penalty Value £3,973

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5.50 HAZEL GROVE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £4,100 added 2YO 1m 30yds Penalty Value £3,113 | System | S

special penalty Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD The St Hulens and Great Britain scrum half Bobbic Goulding

Goulding

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son after being given a unique two-tiered suspension. Goulding was sent off for a high tackle on Jamie Matthiou during the Super League match against Leeds oo 25 August. He has been banned for four matches, or until 20 October,

has almost certainly played his last match for the club this sea-

whichever is the sooner. That means that, even if Saints go all the way to the Premicrship final at Old Trafford, Goulding will be ruled out of their World Club Championship quarter-final at Brisbane. If, on the other hand, they are

knocked out in the next round nf both competitions, Goulding will still be free in play - if se-lected - for Great Britain in the three-Test series against Australia in November, despite baying served only a two-match ban. It is an ingenious - and rather slippery - way of avoiding damaging British prospects in that series. The St Helens chief executive. David Howes, said: We are grateful in the committee for taking an hour to consider the case and for taking into

account both club and country." Even though it is lighter than expected, the ban completes a miserable season for Goulding. He was suspended for eight matches, reduced on appeal in six, for a high tackle nn Wigan's Neil Cowie in a Challenge Cup tie; he has been stripped of the St Helens captaincy after developing an increasingly stormy relationship with his coach. Shaun McRae, and some of his teammates; most seriously of all, his newborn daughter has been crit-

ically ill in hospital. Matthiou is still nut of Leeds' side to play Oldham on Monday because of the after-effects of his concussion. He was unconscious for five minutes after the tackle.

Castleford have transfer-listed the winger Jason Roach and hooker Lee St Hilaire, who were both signed last November, and have released another winger, Diccon Edwards, whn has rejnined Leeds rugby union club.

Carl Metcalfe has resigned as chairman of Keighley, citing poor health and threats in himself and his family. Metcalfe, who has been in charge during a year of financial turnoil which has seen the club in administration. has also quit as a director.

Owl Creek benefits from long build-up **Equestrianism**

GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Blenheim

Katie Meacham rnde Owl Creek for almost three hours before yesterday's dressage test and it proved an effective ploy, since her 11-year-old horse oow holds the lead in the Bleoheim Vauxhall Mnnterey International Horse Trials.

Meacham, whn represented Britain in the 1991 European Champinnships, knew that Owl Creek could get teose in the dressage and the was glad the extra work had made him mnre relaxed. The rearranged programme

means that the horse will have two days to recover from yesterday's exertings and prepare for the cross-country, which nnw takes place on Sunday. Meacham halds a 2.8pt ad-

vantage over Nicky McDonnell nn William Hill, whn moved into second place towards the end of the day. Until Meacham and McDonnell appeared on the scene, Sarah Bullen had held the lead for more than six hours on Double Trust.

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In common with most of the nther riders, both Meacham and Bullen were pleased to find Mike Etheringtno-Smith, the course designer here and at the Sydney Olympics to the year 2000, has built a more attacking and less technical cross-country course than last year. They are also delighted that the going is just about per-

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Gunnell has mind set on new hurdles

Mike Rowbottom hears how Britain's former Olympic 400m hurdles champion is preparing to bow out before turning her attention to her four-legged friends

Some time in the next few months, Sally Gunnell is going to sit herself down with five years worth of press cuttings and read about a great athlete: herself,

The reports she has stockpiled, but not looked at, since winning the 1992 Olympic title are likely to deepen the realisation of all she has done in a career which ends at Gateshead tomorrow.

"It is just starting to sink in now," said the 31-year-old who, just three years ago, held the Olympic. world. Commoowealth and European titles at 400 metres hurdles, as well as the world record.

Her decision to retire - taken in Athens last month when a calf injury ended her ambitions of regaining her world title - came shortly after a similar announcement from Britain's other Olympic champion of 1992. Linford Christie.

Christie's first reaction on hearing the news was one of dis-helief. "She's got years still ahead of her," he said.

True enough. But Gunnell has decided that they no longer need to be years given up to the spartan dedication of the world

"Linford had a total passion for running." she said. "But as

I said to him at the time, I didn't have the motivation to win any more. I didn't think I could go out and train for another year.

The strain of recovering from two traumatic injuries to her Achilles tendons had plundered her resources. And when her rising hopes and returning confidence were crushed down by yet another injury last month, she knew what she had to do-

"It's funny really," she said.
"But in January 1995 I was frighteningly fit – fitter than I had ever been. My goal was to break the world record again, and I think I pushed it a little bit too hard. After 1995, I was

always having to play catch-up.
"When I made my decision I felt an enormous sense of relief, as if something had heeo lifted from my shoulders. Now," she added, hunching her shoul-ders and rubbing her hands briskly together, "it feels like a new beginning."
She has, however, one re-

maining fixture 10 honour - a 200m relay in tomorrow's Bupa Grand Prix. Thereafter she is free - or relatively so. She still has endorsement deals with, among others. Mizuno sports shoes and Berlei bras.



Stop gym company, an organisation which plans to open a number of clubs around the country in the oext three years. There are plans, too, to extend the start she made in television when she presented the series Body Heat. Other projects are also likely to divert her. As she said of her husband in Athens

- "The pressure is all on him

now. He's got to support me and

get me pregnant."

For the moment, though, Gunnell is preparing for the po-tentially difficult occasion of saying goodbye to a sport which has occupied a central position in her life for 15 years. "It will feel strange to run my last race," she

emotional thing for me. I'm oot sure how I will feel on Monday." Her farewell comes at the

end of a week in which she. along with millions of others. has been deeply upset by the death of Princess Diana. The hotel in which she spoke yesterday was next to Kensington Palace, with a view of the flowers and cards wedged into the railings. She had brought her own posy of flowers up from her farmhouse on the edge of the South Downs to lay in tribute.

"It was an absolute shock when I heard the news," she said. "Diana was the only one of the Royals I hadn't met, but she was the one I wanted to She is lending her name to Fit said. "It is bound to be a huge meet out of all of them, really."

legged runner - the dream is to Three months before Diget Eric to Sydney in 2000. Training horses is not a milana's visit to Angola to publi-cise the campaign to ban land lion miles away from training athletes," she said. "You have mines, Gunnell had made a similar visit - also at the request of to prepare them very carefully." the Red Cross. "It was amazing Gunnell of all people is aware of the poteotial dangers of overwatching her documentary of the visit the other night," Cun-nell said, "I recognised all the places and people she met."

The Angolan trip was not without dangers. But Gunnell's fears concern something near-er home - a horse called Eric. She and her husband own a half stake in Eric, a highly promising showjumper, the other half belonging to its rider, Chris Ellis.

Gunnell's Olympic ambitions maybe 1'll feel the competitive have been transferred to a four-urge in six months' time."

Schumacher benefits from Brawn

Motor racing DERICK ALLSOP reports from Monza

Amid the ritual frenzy of this weekend's gathering here, Ross Brawn may be even more con-spicuous than usual.

The large, bespectacled Englishman is a difficult man to miss in the Ferrari camp, and he has earned widespread recognition for his influence since joining the team as technical director at the beginning of the year.

Brawn has brought order, logic and a sense of direction, providing Michael Schumacher with the opportunity to exploit his superiority on the track. It is a combination that appears likely to deliver Ferrari their first dri-

vers' championship in 18 years. Sunday's Italian Grand Prix, however, will be critical to Schumacher's duel with Jacques Villeneuve. He heads the standings by I1 points, with five races remaining. It was 12 until yesterday, when Mika Hakkineo was stripped of his third place in the Belgian Grand Prix because of fuel irregularities, and the Canadian moved up from sixth to fifth. McLaren-Mercedes were fined \$50,000 (£31,000).

Another victory here and surely the wait for the faithful will be over. That, at least, is how they see it and that, in turn, is why Schumacher is wary. Emotions and expectations are in danger of careering out of control, a classic scenario for the Prancing Horse to fall flat on its face.

Never will Brawn's composed presence be more reassuring for Schumacher, They worked together at Benetton and won two championships, Schumacher will feel no one is better equipped, technically and temperamental-ly, than Brawn to complement his efforts in the cockpit.

Brawn regards Ferrari as the ultimate challenge of his spe-cialised skills. Unlike John Barnard, the designer who preferred to stay in England, Brawn has brought his family out to Italy.

"It was a chance I felt I could not miss," he said. "I know what I'm facing and what is expected, but I may not have forgiven myself if I'd turned down the job. There is so much potential and enthusiasm here.

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Even during August, when Italy is basically closed, we had no difficulty finding companies willing to produce parts for us because we're Ferrari. On a personal level, too, it's great. I'm having difficulty going into a restaurant and actually huying my own meal. The reception has been wonderful."

Ferrari's drivers joined the reception committee. Schumacher, it is understood, virtually demanded the team headhunt Brawn, and Eddie Irvine soon learned why. The Ulsterman said: "Ross has a way of ex-plaining the car and what he is trying to get out of it. In the end it comes down to physics, and he has the ability to get that across."

Brawn apparently also un-derstands the workings of a driver's miod, and has helped livine cope with Schumacher's pre-eminence. "There's always been an urge for Michael's team-mates to try and match him, when frankly he's simply the best out there, Brawn said.

So I talked to Eddie about it and used the analogy of a golfer. I told him not to try and drive 300 yards just because the other guy could. Why not drive

250 yards and keep it straight?" Brawn's task is to keep an entire nation on the straight and narrow these coming days and Schumacher did his familiar best to slam on the hrakes. He said: "Even if I win on Sunday. I can't think I have the championship. It is still wide open.

Redgrave's crew to keep emotions in check

HUGH MATHESON reports from Lac Aiguebelette

Britain's Olympic champions. not just the ever-winning Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, hut also Greg Searle, won through to their respective finals of the World Championships here in France yesterday.

The coxless four, who also included Tim Foster and James Cracknell, controlled their semi-final from the start, clocking 5min 57.85sec.

Italy fought hard in the last 500 metres to finish second in 5:58.43, but they must have been aware that the British crew were not at full power. "It is the final on Saturday that counts and there was no point

in lots of fireworks today," said Redgrave, who is one race away from his sixth world title.

The final, in which the French should provide the strongest opposition, coincides with the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. "It's a very difficult situation." Redgrave said, "We'll concentrate on our race, but we'll be at home very much in our hearts." Withdrawing from the com-

a one-off event," Redgrave said. "People in the crew may not be again in the position to be in a world final. I'm sure everybody

at home would feel the same." Searle made the final of the single sculls at his first attempt in a thrilling race inwhich he moved from fifth place to second. "I kept my eyes in the boat

petition was not an option. knowing that my training times "The world championships are compared well and that they'd struggle to live with me," he said.

The British double sculls of Gillian Lindsay and Miriam Batten continued to exceed expectations by cruising to victory in the semi-finals and securing the preferred central lane in the final.

The women's pair had to reorganise at short notice when

Cath Bishop went down with flu. Francesca Zino was promoted from the eight to row with Dot Blackie in the semi-final and the pair were in second place until the final sprint when they were passed on the line by Russia. A third spot was enough to take Jane Hall into her first

training. Eric is currently rest-

ing for three months in a field.

facing Gunnell will be whether to follow her husband into showjumping. "He is already competing at some smaller

meetings on his horse, Corky. It

freaks me out a little bit when

I see him jumping. I'm not sure I've got the bottle for that. But

The next competitive decision

world final in the lightweight single scalls. Results, Digest, page 27

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The number of International Olympic Committee members - out of 111 - who will vote in Lausanne today on which city will host the 2004 Olympic Games. Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Rome and Stockholm are the

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Pressure mounts for Farry's resignation On Wednesday, four mem-

PHIL SHAW

A former dumper-truck driver from Glasgow's East End makes, on the face of it, an unlikely bedfellow for those members of the Royal Family accused of insensitivity and misjudgement in the build-up to the funeral of Diana. Princess of Wales tomorrow.

Pressure was mounting yesterday on Jim Farry, chief executive of the Scottish Football Association, over his alleged intransigence in the face of calls to reschedule Scotland's World Cup qualifier against Belarus. The Labour MP for Clydes-

dale, Jimmy Hood, claimed Far- to liaise with Grampian Police rv should resign after "an act of such arrogance it beggars belief". Donald Findlay QC, vice-chairman of Rangers, demanded an inquiry into a delay which had "caused the nation so much

anger and embarrassment". The match was originally due to be played at Aberdeeo at 3pm tomorrow, at a time when the funeral cortege will be travelling up the M1. Despite Belarus' early declaration of their willingness to play on Friday, Farry continued to maintaio that the game would go ahead as planned.

Non-League notebook

The early front-runners in the race for the GM Vauxhall Con-

were not among the bookmak-

while Southport (40-1) are cur-

However, at present both clubs are trailing behind More-cambe, who lead the way with

13 points from five games and

were 20-1 before the season.

Following an opening-day draw

against Leek, the Shrimps, as

the Lancashire seaside club are

known, have overcome

Gateshead, Hayes, Kid-derminster and Telford to give

rently in second place.

RUPERT METCALF

bers of Craig Brown's squad announced they were not prepared to play tomorrow. Only then did the SFA appear to acknowledge the depth of popular feeling. Late that evening, it announced a new time of 2pm on Sunday.

While a rush to judgement might have spared Farry the wrath of politicians, press and public, it would not necessarily have been prudent. Any new date was sure to promot protests from their rivals to qualify, particularly Sweden. Moreover, Belarus were reluctant to play on Sunday because they have another game on Wednesday.

Such difficulties, plus the need and Fifa, world football's ruling body, were what Farry had in mind when he spoke of "insurmountable logistical problems". Campbell Ogilvie, Rangers' secretary and a member of the

SFA's international committee, suggested it was Fifa, not Farwho had been inflexible. They wanted the game to go on as scheduled, but after the outcry there seemed to be a shift in their stance. Criticism of Jim Farry has been made by those not fully informed."

Following a stint as a soil-shoveller and truck driver for a land-

Harvey, a pleasing start to the

new campaign and earn him the August "manager of the

mere and Hereford midfielder.

others in our league. We can't

afford big transfer fees, so we sign players on free transfers, we

work with them and we allow

Harvey has made only two additions to last season's squad:

Darren Hughes, a left-back from

Exeter, and Kenny Mayers, a

midfielder from Chorley. His top

man this season has been a for-

ward be signed from Stevenage

iate last season: Mike Bignall, a

former Wrexham trainee, who

"I'm not surprised at our

month" award

them to play."

ference title are three clubs who start," Harvey, the former Tran-

ers pre-season favourites for the crown. If they beat Yeovil at The team, a footballing team. We're

Shay tonight, the 66-1 outsiders not well-off like Stevenage and Halifax Town will top the table, others in our league. We can't

scape gardener, Farry joined the SFA as an office administrator. was headhunted by the Scottish League, and at 25 became its youngest-ever secretary. In 1990, be succeeded Ernie Walker to the SFA's top post. Five years on, he said he considered himself "one of the best administrators in Europe". A fondness for words "cognisant" and "promulgate" cemented perceptions of

pomposity.

Likewise the lengthy memo
Farry sent to the Scottish Cup finalists warning against excessive celebrating. He also put a bureaucratic block on a friendly at Inverness in aid of Bosn-

ian war refugees. His wish is that the modemisation of Hampden Park will prove a monument to his reign, to which end he remarked that the Cup final in 2000 might be one occasion when he is not booed. A reporter quipped: "Is it going to be played behind closed doors, then?"

Farry joined in the laughter, yet his insistence that he saw "no reason to apologise" for the Be-larus flasco means his legacy is yet his in likely to be rather different. Perhaps the SFA's patron could offer advice on PR skills. Sadly, lems of her own in that area.

Bignall finds net for Shrimps has hit four league goals this sea-son to take his tally for the Shrimps to 12 in 17 games. He's a terrific scorer. Harvey

said. "He's young and he's got plenty of ability - he's a natural predator, like John Aldridge." Morecambe have a tough away game at Hednesford on Sunday, when Southport, who trail the Shrimps only on goal difference but have played a game more, entertain Slough.

The Conference has rearranged all its fixtures scheduled for tomorrow, as have all the senior semi-professional leagues. The Football Association has cancelled all FA Carlsberg Vase first qualifying round ties due to be played tomorrow. One ne, Somersham v Warbows, is being staged tonight, with the rest spread between Sunday

and Thursday.

Paganin Liverpool bound

Liverpool look to have won the £3.5m race to sign the Internazionale defender Massimo Paganin. The 27-year-old is expecled on Merseyside loday to discuss personal terms.

Paganin's friendship with his former Inter team-mate and new Liverpool captain, Paul Ince, seems to have been instrumental in Liverpool's move for the Italian.

Tony Yeboah seems set to sign for Hamburg after agreeing per-sonal terms. The £1m deal for the 31-year-old Leeds striker had looked in doubt yesterday due to what Leeds' managing director Jeremy Fenn described as "un-

expected further developments". However, the Ghanaian international has now settled any differences he had with the German club and is expected to fly out early next week to un-

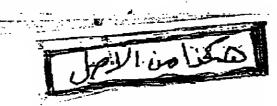
dergo a rigorous medical. Celtic are to be given 3,000 tickets for their Ueta Cup tie with Liverpool at Anfield on 1 October. It had been expected that no away fans would be allowed at the game because the Anfield Road end of the stadium is being redeveloped. But fears that Scottish fans would travel to the game without tickets prompted urgent discus-sions between the two clubs.

Gerry Taggart has withdrawn from the Northern Ireland squad for next week's World Cup qualifier against Albania in Zurich because of a hamstring injury.

Arsenal's manager. Arsène Wenger, wants referees to become full-time professionals and has called for the use of high technology. Wenger said: "Referces need more time to prepare for matches without having to think about work or business commiments." He also wants two referces to officiate at matches.

with the responsibility for timekeeping taken away from them. Bolton are giving a three-week trial to an Australian striker, Jimmy Tsennis, who made an immediate impression by scoring twice in the reserves' 5-2 win at

Notts County on Wednesday. The Norwich defender Carl Bradshaw has been imprisoned for six weeks for assaulting a taxi driver. The 28-year-old has also been fined two weeks' wages.



RACE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP: Good day for Kent at Gloucestershire's expense while main rivals are frustrated

Lawrence makes a great mistake

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Canterbury Kent 305 and 432-4 dec loucestershire 256 and 59-4

The dropped catch that brought Syd Lawrence to his knees yesterday morning could well turn out to be symbolic of Gloucestershire's condition (and their title hopes) later today after Kent's batsmen carved up their rivals' attack at will. They then

four of the West Country bats-men by the close of another ab-

ground. The heneficiary of Lawrence's miss off a low, hard and emmently catchable drive to mid-off was Trevor Ward. The Kent man had just half a dozen

Yorkshire are short of ideas

JON CULLEY

reports from Headingley Yorkshire 501-7 dec Worcestershire 313-6

Should Yorkshire win here, as they must to retain a chance of securing their first County Championship since 1968, it will have been a victory earned through hard graft after Worcestershire stoutly repelled the home side's pursuit of cheap

wickets yesterday. Having reached 414 for 6 by the close of a second day severely curtailed by rain, Yorkshire batted until they had 501 on the board for the loss of one urther wicket, clearly hoping for a psychological edge sufficient to induce capitulation at the double by their opponents.

However, they reckoned with-

out a succession of batsmen with no intention of succumbing meekly to a youthful Yorkshire seam attack. Worcestershire resurie today needing 38 to avoid the follow-on and force David Byas to design a new game plan.

Plan A began well enough, class cricket for Richard Blakey 6, 4, 1 - in his undefeated 172, but thereafter wickets fell with Yorkshire might have had lofty eight men around the bat. He will have to face pleuty more to day if Gloricestershire are to

Gavin Hamilton, who has not case was looking much less day if Gloucestershire are to enjoyed as good a season as was convincing.

sorbing day's cricket.
Sadly Lawrence was but a bulkier shadow of his former ferocious self on this eponymous

runs to his name at that point.

That was just the beginning of the torture for Lawrence. Not rivals' attack at will. They then handed the reins over to their bowlers who had whipped out of the day, but also when the hig

> and powerful pulls.
>
> He and Alan Wells broke the back of the Gloncestershire challenge with a monumental third-wicket stand of 193 in 43 punishing overs. Wells was in equally commanding form with the bat and it was unfortunate probably hoped of him, rose to that he fell just half a dozen runs the occasion to bowl as sharply away from a deserved centur as local observers could recall and when he miscued a pull to midaccounted for Graenie Hick and wicket. He did have the conso-Reuben Spiring in the space of lation of passing 1,000 runs for

seven balls. His later spell was poor by comparison and the ab-

gan in fifth place, just five

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Spiring apart, all of their bats-

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sence of Darren Gough and Peter Hartley was noticeable. By the fifty of the match. Ward carried on regardless, end, Yorkshire looked short of untouchable. By the end he had ideas. That Hutchisoo should 21 fours to his name and his solihave bowled only nine overs in tary six came in the last over of the day was a mystery. Worcestershire's interest is the innings. Perhaps the most telling period came when Ward more than academic. They hewas joined by Matthew Walker, who until yesterday had been points behind Yorkshire, and

the season when he reached 58 and of course it was his second

he was dismissed for three

thumping boundaries as he

went for 35 more runs in just

three overs. And by the time

Kent captain Steve Marsh de-

clared some 30 minutes after tea

Ward strolled off unbeaten on

In the intervening period he

had made bowling look im-possible. It was his first Cham-pionship hundred since May

1996 (coincideotally yester-

day's magnificent innings equalled his last one) and it

could not have been more

imely. His four and a half-hour

occupation of the crease was studded with piercing drives

sadly lacking form. It took the diminutive leftprobably never better than the- hander just 37 balls to thrash himself back into nick. He hlasted his way to 51 - his first fifty of the summer - in the process men made a significant contri- belping to put on 76 in 40 minutes either side of tea with

Philip Weston was unlucky to His departure provided one be run out when Vaughan of two bright spots in an oth-erwise dismal day for Lawrence. scored a direct hit from cover, Hick threw his wicket away Walker's lofted shot was well with a loose chip to mid-wicktaken by the former England fast bowler at mid-off. And latet and Gavin Haynes, who had been dropped by Byas at second er, when his team-mates were slip on two, was so annound by an apparent misjudgment of his losing their beads and their wickets first to Dean Headley year-old left-armer who has divot of outfield truf with a run of 19 wickets in three matches, had from Moody

White was despatching Richard off Strang) and a chorus of apbrilliantly caught behind for Illingworth's left-arm spin to all peals for other catches at the seven - a 500th catch in first parts - one over yielded 4, 6, 4, wicket in the 11 nerve-racking class cricket for Richard Blakey 6, 4, 1 - in his undefeated 172, balls he had to face, with up to wicket in the 11 nerve-racking



Glamorgan celebrate taking the wicket of Alistair Brown, who was run out after a drive from his Surrey team-mate Graham Thorpe was deflected on to the stumps at the bowler's end Photograph: Peter Jay

Glamorgan victory charge defied by Thorpe

DEREK PRINGLE reports from The Oval Surrey 204 and 324-6

Glamorgan 438

With a whole day of late sum-mer sunshine to bask in, Surrey suddenly awoke to the fact that this is an important game of cricket and they played accordingly. That said, it is probably far too late for any table-turning heroics and, but for a marvellous century from Graham Thorpe, Glamorgan would probably now

crucial points to the better. As it is, they must wait until today to know their fate. With the weather set fair, their main priority is to take the four re-

Somerset's Marcus Trescothick

Round-up

yesterday.

target, currently at 90, takes on arm spinner diverted Thorpe's awkward proportions upon this

The visitors began the morning's play by vigorously adding 75 to their overnight score, mainly through the long handle of Darren Thomas, who finished unbeaten on 75. Although Thomas, who is 22, also bowls swiftly but erratically, be is probably worth a place on this winter's A tour to Kenya and Sri Lanka. Certainly his is spirited cricket, and he later bowled Ben Hollicake with a beauty that cut back sharply off the pitch.

be sailing back down the M4, 24 With the prompt removal of Surrey's top three, Glamorgan's first-unings lead of 234 looked more than enough to wrap up victory by an innings. The prognosis did not improve when Alistair Brown was run

Somerset eoded the third day

on 174 for 5 in their second in-

Jacques Kallis had earlier

nings - a lead of 179.

straight drive on to the stumps. It was an unlucky end to what

was a wooderfully hard-hit cameo by Brown, which included a mighty six as well as three fours in consecutive balls off Croft. At that point Surrey decided to counter-attack further, with Thorpe and the Hollioakes pro-

viding by far the best strokeplay of the match. Adding 120 with Adam, until he became a victim of Waqar's infamous inswinging yorker, and a quickfire 49 with Ben, Surrey overhauled the deficit in the 59th over.

Thorpe, batting with both ap-plication and panache, could not be tethered by Glamorgan's bowlers and he duly notched up his second Championship cen-

successive matches.

It has been a strange season pitches that have dictated terms struggled more than most, it was

the fluent Thorpe of old. restored, he scored the only half-century here during the last Test, a gritty, cussed innings more than matched against Glamorgan's useful attack. His only mistake, an edged drive off Croft, was not capitalised upon by Tony Cottey at slip and he remained unbeaten on 140 at the close - a thorny reminder to Glamorgan that chasing Champ-

maining. Surrey wickets as when Alistair Brown was run tury of the season, an under-quickly as possible, before the out by Dean Cosker, as the left-achievement made all the more of an impatient disposition. ionships is never easy for those Trescothick holds up Middlesex challenge

Middlesex began on 80 for 3. A fourth-wicket partnership The South African timed his at- of 96 with Owais Shah (27) tacking strokes in glorious fash- looked to be putting Middlesex ion amid some solid defence. well on top until the Somerset After an early examination by wicketkeeper Rob Turner ran

glaring by it being his second in

for Thorpe. On the slow. green for most of this summer, he has only during the fifth Test at Trent Bridge, oo the truest pitch of the series, that we saw

With his coofidence clearly

ther back. Of the other Ryder Cup players, Darren Clarke recorded a 67, Ignacio Garrido 71 and Costantioo Rocca and Thomas Bjorn one over par 72s - the same as the Ryder captain Seve Ballesteros, who now faces the

stave off defeat.

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or, Sowling (to date); Donald 10-4-21-1; Brown 11-8-25-2; Welch 6-2-22-0; Glee 19-6-23-1; Smith 9-0-30-0. Umphres: 8 Lieuthenter and G Starp. Kent y Gioncostershire

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP THIRD ROUND Hamilton v Brechin (7.30)

PRESS AND JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Cove Rangers v Xasth (8.0). FA CARLESERG VASE First qualifying round: Somersham Town v Warboys. round: Somersham Town v Warboys.
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11 Somerset v Middlesex

Somerset won toss SOMERSET - First tunings 241 (R.) Turner 71, G.D. Rose 56no; P.C.R. Turnell 4-53).

Total (88.4 svens)
Fall (south: 4-150 5-179 6-167 7-200 8-216
9-228. Bowling: Caddick 23-4-71-4; Shore 12-2-64-0; Rose 12-2-26-0; Maximo 18-4-2-65-5; Neuberg 2-0-6-0.

TODAY'S FIXTURES JEWSON EASTERN LEAGUE Pressior Div sion: Great Yarmouth v Sudbury Wandered

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE Barwell v Peisal Ville PONTINS LEAGUE Premier Division: Liver-pool v Derby (7.0).

Speedway ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue v Bradford (7.30); Peterborough v Wolverhampton (7.30). PREMIER LEAGUE Arona Essex V Beter (8.0): Echnologi, v Hut. (7.30): Oxford v Sheffeld (7.45).

Other sports

The former England Under-

Surrey v Gistnorgan
THE OVAL: Surrey (Spts), with four sec
nings widness standing, are 90 runs at
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Germongton (B).
Surrey won toss
SURREY: – First husings, 204 (A D Bri
GLAMORGAN – First husings
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Firsts (B6 Ib15 v4 nb20)

bury. Bosellog (to date): Wacar 15-4-45-2; Woden 15-0-61-1: Card: 21-2-84-1; Coder 17-2-78-0; Thomas 13-1-41-1, Umpires; G | Burgas and J F Steels.

Yorkshire v Worcestershire

See-Analogs witchests standing, are 188 mass beshed Yorkshite (B).

Yorkshite won tots
YORKSHIEE - First Inside
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CWHIER not out
6 M Hamilton for b Billigsorth - 5
CE W Stitemand not out - 15
Behave 1815, 1810] - 25
Total (for 7 day, 1324 overal) - 501
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Post (for 8 day, 1324 overal) - 501
I tarroll 19-5-50-2 hapten 21-3-61-4; Bingsorth 36-13-118-3; Moody 4-0-21-0; Hex5-1-26-0.

WORGESTERSHIEZ - First Inside
7 M Moody b Blakey b Flatchson - 7
WP C Weston An out
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KR Sprang b Hamilton - 58
SR Lampitt not out - 12
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KR Sprang College - 50
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Athletics

held up a determined Middle- completed a fine century to

sex quest to keep their Champ- bold the Middlesex first innings

ionship hopes alive at Taunton together but Mushtaq Ahmed (5 for 66) and Andy Caddick (4 for

Attribution

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESIRES: Informational meeting (Pitcit, 19) Loading places: Mear 100m; 10 Dame (Nigeria) 10.158c; 20 Alu (Nigeres) 10.23; 21 Phonomes (29) 10.44, 200m; 10 Alu (Nigeres) 10.23; 21 Phonomes (29) 10.44, 200m; (37) 20.54; 3 T Douglas (Ber) 20.56, 800m; 11.44, 40; 3 D Ription (Ken) 11.44, 42; 3 D Ription (Ken) 445, 579; 100m; 100

NATER LEAGURE Azienta 4 Detroit 12; Chicago Cutes 10 Marmesota 6; Philadelphia 5 New York Yankees 4; Philadelphia 5 New York Yankees 4; Philadelphia 7 Electrone 6; Montreal 1 Boston 0; New York Meta 4 Toronto 2; Houston 4 Milestoice 0; St Louis 4 Chicago White Sca 2; Yeous 5 Los Angeles 2; Oaldand 12 San Francisco 3; Sestille 5 San Diego 6.

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London Towers have re-signed the remainder of last year's squad, including forward Kelth Robinson, club captain
Roger Duhaney and Paul Depolach, last
season's top three-point shooter in the
Budweiser League. Martin Gottfried
and Tarnir Barkovitch have also put pen
to pener for the registing Dyfussiase. and tarms percovical new also put per to paper for the reighing Budweiser Championship and 7-Up Trophy hold-ers. Coach Kevin Cadle said: "It is great news for the Towers that we can keep such talented piayers who helped us to success last season."

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Oxool: Standings after first day of dressege: 1 Owl Creek (N Meachen, GB) 49.8
peraster: 2 William Hill (N McDonel, GB) 52.6;
2 Double Trust (S Baden, GB) 56.0; 4 Penyleids George D. Low, GB) 55.2: 5 Vernax (H
Lotheux, FD) 55.8: 6 The Soup Dregon it (N Burton, GB) 56.2:

Football The Juventus striker Alessandro Del Piero is out of Italy's World Cup squed to face Georgia next week after damaging on eye in a training accident yesterday. The Sheffield United left-back Lee Sendford is joining Reading on loan with 6 view to 6 permanent \$300,000 deel. BELT'S SOUTHSH LEAVIE Reamaged Maure: Med 17 New Cetic v Rangers.

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WEDNESDAY S. LUTE RESULTS: Nationwide
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Long (M2); F Jacobson (Swe); P Gotting, 67. P
Price; F Anderson (Swe); M Angler; (Swe); S
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Gymmastics
WORLD CHARTONSHIPS (Lausanna, 9wit);
MDN: Team competition (top six quality for feat); 1 Chins 224.394; 2 Russa 220.967;
3 Japan 220.133; 4 Belana 219.156; 5 Germany 217.569; 6 US 217.245; 15 Grissa 208.310.
WOMENE 1 Romania 153,720; 2 Russa 153.197; 3 China 152.001; 4 Unine 150.803; 6 Frence 148.369; GUntad States 147.897.

WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CUP (Seongmen, Korea) Third Days Pool At Australia 3 Germany 2. Standings after 2 rounds: 1 England Spis, 2 Australa 6; 3 Chino 2; 4 Germany Int; 5 Span 1; 6 Conada 0.

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Peol B: Korea 10 Ukrane O; USA D South Africa 6; Argentina 1 Neitwellands 1. Standings after 2 rounder 1 Korea Gots: 2 Netherlands 4; 3 Argentina 4; 4 South Africa 3; 5 Ukrane O; R USA O.

Juan Amonio Samaranch was re-elected as president of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne yestendey. The 77-year-old Spaniard was unopposed as he stood for a fourth term that will see him head the IOC until 2001. He has been president of the IOC since 1980.

Rowling
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Alguebeletta, Pt): MEN: Coxed pairs (first three to final) first search-free! 1 Norway Gran 17 51:5e; 2 tay 62:1.64; 5 Univer 62:7.50; 4 Dermant 62:1.56; 5 Univer 62:7.50; 6 Resea 62:8.71. Second seas-final: 1 Remeny 6:1.7.38; 2 Auguste 62:0.25; 3 Belents 62:2.63; 4 Yagostava 62:2.78; 5 France 62:5.76; 6 Slovakis 63:1.40. Coatless featrs (first three to final) first search-fisel: 1 Farces 6:00.11; 2 Romani 6:00.34; 8 Slovakis 6:01.40; 4 University 6:00.46; 5 Russus 6:03.80; 6 University 6:00.46; 7 Russus 6:03.80; 8 University 6:00.46; 7 Russus 6:03.80; 8 University 6:00.46; 7 Russus 6:03.80; 8 University 6:00.46; 7 Russus 6:03.80; 7 Russus 6:03.80; 8 University 6:00.46; 7 Russus 6:03.80; 8 Russus

School (NZ) 6:57-96; 6 M Vervoom (Nec) 7:01.25; 6 D Porter (Can) 7:02.30.

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In the seri-fined: 1 Y Ropodotovitch (Belai 7:35.10; 2 M Bandrin (Seo) 7:35.21; 8 I Harroon (Den) 7:40.50; 4 C Garcia (Pri 7:45.14; 6 S Daoins (Led 7:45.66; 8 Y Lawres (Rus) 7:45.74.

Second send-fined: 1 K Russroom (Seo) 7:33.55; 2 G Batters (SB) 7:33.35; 3 R Moyloom (Su) 7:39.93; 4 M Martin (US) 7:42.30; 5 6 Scown (NZ) 7:52.05; 8 K Bernse (Su) 7:39.93; 4 M Martin (US) 7:42.30; 5 6 Scown (NZ) 7:52.05; 8 K Bernse (Su) 7:53.93; 4 M Martin (US) 7:48.31; 2 R Luzay (Pri 7:53.10; 3) Hall (SB) 7:55.47; 4 L Featherstone (Can) 8:00.24; 6 A Servorg (N) Scol.10; 8 F Ng (Ho) 8:03.45; Sacond send-fined: 1 K Sprann (Ge) 7:57.8; 2 K Krage (Seo) 7:59.24; 3 M Gensoon (An) 8:01.22; 4 M Te Beok (Nech B.03.31); 5 M Busk (Den) 8:03.65; 6 K Schustender (Au) 8:11.80. Contacts paids (first three to fined) First send-fined: 1 Rossoon 7:42.46; 8 Heland 7:48.61; Second send-fined: 1 A Stytella 7:20.65; 2 United States 7:19.72; 4 Beland 7:48.61; Second send-fined: 1 Scored paids 7:22.14; 4 Britan 7:42.36; 5 Helender (Score) 8:57.77; 2 Sustpender 7:40.64; 3 M Remson 7:20.65; 7:79.78; 6 Nechtarron 7:10.21; 6 United States 7:13.32; 8 United States 7:13.31; 8 United States 7:13.32; 8 United States 7:13.31; 8 United States 7:13.31; 8 United States 7:13.32; 8 United States 7:13.31; 8 United States 7:13.32; 8 United States 7:13.32; 8 United States 7:13.31; 8 United States 7:13.31; 8 United States 7:13.31; 8 United States 7:13.32; 8 United

Rugby League

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Divisional Premierable Cumbria Pool: Whitehavon (18) 40, Carisia (0) 0. Whitehavon; Tries (u) suci 40. Corrette (D.O. Whitehterore Tries Kd-dee 2. Crae (Chembers, Joe, Kechn., Lewffmorte, Seets, Wison; Goals Hemerington 4. (630). Landashipe Pool: Rochidate 110: 22, Widnes (5) 22. Rochidate Tries Podrauti, 2, Bradbury, Holland; Goale: Gartland 3. Widnest Tries Bloem 2, Compbell, P Smith; Goals Bloem 3, (786).

Salling

With an additional boost being given next year to multi-hull coaching by the Roy-al Yachting Association, a new Youth Speed Challenge is announced today. Heats for under 19s will be held in November and December Rhead of a fi-nal next February to be sailed in a fleet of nine newly-designed Dart 16s. sport sored entirely by Royal & Sun Alkance. The winner will receive Dart 18 for next the winner was receive Dart 18 for next season and the 16ft fleet will then be available for a nationwide tour in 6 deal costing \$80,000. Additionally R&SA will fund a six-event Dart 18 Grand Prix senes. R&SA is already backing a birt by Tracy Edwards and an all-woman crew to capture in a 92ft catamaran, the former final a new round lifting mount. to capture or a 92th catangeran, the for-mer Enza, a new found Britain record due to begin in the next few days. Ed-wards then plans an assault on the next 71-day time for sailing round the world set two months ago by Frenchman Olivi-

England's three rebels have ended their boycott of the Ashes Test senes, Slop-per Gary Havelock and his two Brad-ford team-males, Joe Screen and Mark Loram, after peace talks have agreed to make the training the peace talks have agreed to note for the Lions in the second Sport-slines Test against Australia at Swindon on Sunday. The trio had refused to ride for their country as long as John Louis and the peace to the country as long as John Louis and the peace to the country as long as John Louis stayed in charge as team manager, claiming he had shown favouritism to wards his own club, loswich, and his son, Chris Louis. Louis will stay in charge at least until his current contract finishes at the end of the year but a review of the squaton has been promised by Ter-ry Russell, the British Speedway Promoters Association chairman. WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Eithe Longue: Coventry 60 Wolverhampton 30, Premier Langue: Hull 55 Bennick 32.

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Orr finds golden touch in the Alps

Golf

MARK GARROD reports from Crans-sur-Sierre

There were three outstanding performances on the opening day of the Canon European Masters 5,000 feet up in the Swiss Alps yesterday. In the rarefied air - and on

greens so bad the tournament was nearly called off last week-end - Scotland's Gary Orr and Scott Henderson returned rounds of 61 and 62 respectively to set the pace, while the Italian Aldo Casera produced a sevon over par 78 - which is worthy of mention for the fact that Casera is aged 78 and a winner of the Swiss Open on the course

It will be some time before 30-year-old Orr and 27-year-old Henderson can match his age on the golf course, so for them the achievement was to shoot the lowest rounds of their European Tour careers.

Orr's total of 11 birdies was only one short of the tour record, as was his 28 for the back nine. The Surrey-based golfer played that half first and when he turned at seven under par he had visions of becoming the first man ever to break 60 on the circuit.

Orr said: "I thought about it, but when I didn't birdie the first and bogeyed the fourth I knew my really good chance had gone. It's more or less hit and hope on the greens, but I just had a day when I hardly put a foot wrong. Yet I didn't feel I did anything hrilliantly."

Henderson, 74th on the Order of Merit in this, his first full season oo the circuit, played both halves in 31, grabbing eagles at the driveable 301-yard eventh and then the 520-yard

Colin Mootgomerie, the defending champion, shot 65 to go into joint third place with UIster's Ronan Rafferty and Spain's Fernando Roca, while Nick Faldo is only a stroke fur-

danger of missing his 13th half-

way cut in 15 starts this season. Casera, who putts one-hand-Caddick and Graham Rose, out Shah. It proved a crucial ed, will almost certainly miss the Kallis took command, hitting 14 moment as Middlesex subsided cut as well tonight hut, by fours in his century made off 158 from 150 for 3, adding only 86 recording a score which equals his age, he has achieved some-19 captain put a disappointing settle for 236 and a deficit of five. edged Caddick to Piran Holup the tail. Somerset slumped to thing which many players may season behind him to hit 65 as Kallis was in prime form as loway at slip, departing for 100. 74 for 4 before recovering.

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Teacher tries to keep Rusedski focused on semi-final

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS reports from New York

Tomorrow, when British sport is cancelled on the occasion of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. Greg Rusedski will mark his 24th hirthday by attempting become the first Briton since Fred Perry to win a place in the men's singles final at the US Open.

Rusedski's coach, the American Brian Teacher, will endeacour to dissuade the British No 1 from watching television coverage of the funeral before playing his semi-final against Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman.

Teacher will emphasise to Rusedski that the hest gesture he can make on a day of mourning is to give the best performance of his career.

"I don't belong to your country," the 42-year-old from Los "Tennis is not even important

Angeles said yesterday, "hut 1 compared to that tragedy," he feel horrible about what hap-said. "Tennis is so secondary, it's pened. And I know Greg feels horrible. The only thing I would be concerned about is the emo-tions. I don't want him to be

down going on to the court. "I don't think it would be good for him to have the television on for hours in the morning. I'll have a talk with Greg and say to him: 'What's going to be served by you focusing on it? Give a moment's silence out

of respect, then move on"." "I think I'll probably watch [the funeral], just out of respect." the Canadian-born Rusedski said after defeating Richard Krajicek, the former Wimbledon champion, in the quarter-finals. "I mean, it's a sad occasion. She was a great humanitarian who did a lot of great things for the world."

Rusedski is determined to

not really relevant."

Whatever the outcome of tomorrow's match, he intends to delay any hirthday celebranons until next week.

Teacher, who has helped the big-serving Rusedski to hroaden his game in the 16 months they have worked together, appreciates the strength of the player's attachment to his adoptive country. "Greg feels a part of Britain, he really, really does," he said.

"He's made his home in Britain, and that's where he feels most comfortable. He's extremely committed. You just need to hear the comments which come out of his mouth when be compares the two countries and ribs me about the had things over here in America."

feacher conceded, however, that Rusedski has tended to be overshadowed since the



Greg Rusedski celebrates victory over Richard Krajicek

thinks: 'If I could work a little bit

emergence of Oxford's Tim Henman. "Greg's never going to capture the hearts of the people like the Henmania thing," he said, "but I think he's been

variety [of shots] as Tim."

How much better does he accepted and I think he's extremely well liked over there. think Rusedski's game can get? "It's a rivalry, but a friendly ri-"It's hard to say. He's got a valry. It's not a jenlousy thing. He chance to win the US Open,

which is incredible. Here he is in the semi-finals and you've got to say there's nobody in there he can't beat if he plays his best tennis. I don't see him being No I in the world, hut if he keeps going, you never know."

Teacher smiled when asked if he imagined giving such an interview when he first linked up with Rusedski before a claycourt tournament in St Pölten,

Austria, last year.
"I really didn't," he said. "! thought he could make real progress possibly in two or three years, if things went well. But then you see a player hiossoming in front of you. It's almost like a domino effect."

harder, I could get what Tim is getting. He sees Tim do well and he would like to have the same Teacher, who once coached Andre Agassi for about three weeks - "Sometimes these things are about timing" - is respecied by many former professionals including John McEnroe, who is working as a

"McEnroe said something the other day about Greg's forehand, a little technical detail about the way he ap-proaches it," Teacher said, "It was stuff I've been telling Greg. and it's nice when McEnroe comes up and tells him the same

Teacher was recommended to Rusedski by Agassi's coach, Brad Gilbert, "At the time we started working, Greg was struggling with his returns of serve, not capitalising enough with his volleys and playing too many loose points. In practice he was too lackadaisical in what

he was trying to achieve."
Rusedski acknowledges the difference Teacher has made. He's helped me with my return of serve, my ground shots, my mental approach," he said. "And I'm getting some of his relaxed characteristics. I still can't do all those yoga positions he

Teacher, however, is not suge how much longer he intends to spend on the tour. "I don't like travelling as much," he said Next year I'm going to be deing it. If you ask me if I'll be deing it the year after. I wouldn't be able to tell you."

Aside from the technicaliti of the sport, Teacher has ha personal experience of dealing with unwelcome distraction His wife, Kathy May, telephoned him on the eve of the 1980 Australian Open to te him their marriage was ower. I almost pulled out of the tou nament and went home. Insu he stayed, and won the title.

Bjorkman advanced to me Rusedski by defeating Petr Ka rda, who retired, complaining of a virus, with the Swede leading 7-6, 6-2, 1-0. Korda, it will be remembered, climinated Pete Sampras, the world No 1, in the fourth round.

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Faldo and Parnevik kept in shadows

ANDY FARRELL reports from Crans-sur-Sierre

On another day of controversial statements and seeming contradictions, the simplest task was undertaken by Seve Ballesteros, the European Ryder Cup captain, when he named Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik as his wild cards. No surprise there, then.

Especially not to Faldo. Ballesteros, who had vowed to keep everything secret until the last minute, telephoned him almost two weeks ago, although then he did not know that Faldo had said to "call me collect". Faldo kept up the pretence on Seve's ruggestion, as did Jose Maria Olazabal, who was given Miguel Angel Martin's automatic place but had been alreade told he would be in whether he qualified or not. "It's interesting, no." Ballesteros

If the liule game of "I know nothing" was innocent enough, that involving the injured Martin is not. Three letters appealing against the exclusion have been sent to the Reder Cup Committee on behalf of the Spaniard by Jose Nuñez, the Andalucian minister for sport. Manuel Ballesteros, Seve's brother, in his capacity as the president of the Spanish Pro-

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fessional Golfers' Association, and by Martin's lawyer.

the executive director of the cerned: "Our decision is now taken. The Ryder Cup Committee faced an unprecedented situation. It is our obligation to give the captain 12 fit players at the time of the announcement

injunction taken out by Martin would be unlikely to succeed, although he may claim for compensation for lost bonuses that may be part of his spousorship

more time for him.

Schofield confirmed Ballesteros had not been directly involved in the decision to axe

But as far as Ken Schofield,

Ballesteros revealed that in a telephone conversation on Sunday, Martin told him: "If I was one of your picks, I would tell you that I was not fit to play. But because I made the top 10. I want to play." The call is he-lieved to have been witnessed

who asked the committee for

PGA European Tour, is conof the team. Schofield believes that an

by Schofield, Sandy Jones of the PGA, Richard Hills, director of the Ryder Cup, and Miguel Angel Jimenez, Seve's vice-captain. Ballesteros added: "Miguel is the sort of person, some people say, he has a square head. I feel very sorry for him. I was the one

Martin, although he had con-

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ty of the team that they could not see how Martin could be fit

extraordinary prelude to the official press conference, Ballesteros was clearly seething. "Martin is trying to screw everyone," he said. "He is like a machine-gun, shooting every way. He is a kamikaze going all the way for the ship. He has been badly advised. I thought he had more intelligence. He is try-

> hero for himself." Ballesteros was scornful of any suggestion of Martin getting hack on the team. "He was not welcome before," he said, a statement Martin's lawyer may

ing to be a hero for the week.

be interested in. "Do you think he will be welcome now? We would be out of our mind to in time. Earlier in the day, in an change the decision."

As for legal action by the diminutive Spaniard preventing the Ryder Cup going ahead, Ballesteros positively spat: "Miguel Martin stop the Ryder Cup? That little man stop the Ryder Cup? Lawyers can do only so much."

Later, and calmer, Ballesteros explained his wild-card selections. "Parnevik has played fan-tastic on the US Tour," he said. "He knows all the American players and won't be intimidated. Faldo has a tremendous record in the Ryder Cup. If I had to bet my life playing the last bole

would be my choice." "That's very nice, but I hope

he doesn't do it," Faldo, who will be playing for a record 11th time, said. "What was I mean to say?" he asked of the sub-terfuge. "For a while I didn't know, Seve really was keeping everything close to his chest. I'm really looking forward to it. It is something to really focus on for the next two weeks. I'll be

prepared as much as I can." Parnevik, who was told on Tuesday after Martin was withdrawn, was hoping to be able to wear his trademark upturned cap. The Swede, who will be making his debut, added: "It is a big honour for Seve to tell you

you are needed on the team. I'm thrilled and relieved at the same time. Even if you are not trying to think about it, it is at

the back of your mind." By fair means or foul, Europe now has a team to go to Valderrama in three weeks and it is the best this continent could put out. Ballesteros compared it to the team that won for the first time on American soil at Muir-

field Village in 1987. "I thought it would take a long time to have a team as good as that, but I am glad I was wrong," he said. "I'm not going to Valderrama to defend or retain the Ryder Cup. I am very confident we are going to win."

Wild cards: Nick Faldo; Jesper Par-

Captain: Severiann Ballesteros.

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Football GLENN MOORE

The entangled fates of Teddy Sheringham and Paul Scholes were given another twist yesterday when Sheringham withdrew from the England squad to play Moldova next Wednesday. Scholes, whose hopes of assuming Eric Cantona's mantle

at Old Trafford were dented by Sheringham's £3.5m summer arrival, now looks like taking the older man's place in the World qualifier at Wembley. Sheringham withdrew after a bone scan revealed him to have

two broken ribs. He has been carrying the injury since Manchester United's match at Leicester 13 days ago, but had assumed he was just suffering from bruised ribs. He then played against Everton - when he scored his first goal for United - and Coventry. He will now miss United's opening Champions' League game against Kosice, in Slovakia, on 27

While the England coach is disappointed at losing Sheringham from Wednesday's match, he is more concerned at the prospect of being without him in Rome on 11 October. learned last summer that come the World Cup the lucky coach-"He has shown a lot of character to keep playing, but he will es will be the ones who have

weeks," Hoddle said. "Then he will need to get match fit again, so he must be a doubt for Italy. People talk about the SAS (Shearer and Sheringham), now we could lose both of them. However, I have five

other forwards in this squad." One of them is Emile Heskey. who will now stay with the squad instead of dropping down to the Under-21 team. Scholes, though, is the most likely replacement. He impressed after making his debut last summer, playing es-pecially well against Italy in Le Tournoi de France when he linked well with Ian Wright.

"That was an advantage of going to Le Tournoi," Hoddle said. "I was able to groom a couple of players and Scholes was one of them. He has ability and temperament, is very astute on the ball, has good feet and vision. He makes good runs beyoud the ball and has an astute football hrain.

"I wanted to bring him in earlier but he was not playing enough for United. Once I did call him in I saw enough on his first day of training to suggest he has immense talent. "One of the great things

about him is his versatility. I

three different positions. Scholes is one of those, as is David Beckham and Rob Lee." Lee agreed. "I think being

versatile keeps you in the squad," said the Newcastle captain, who has played well for Hoddle after being discarded by Terry Venahles for Euro 96. Venables picked from about 13 or 14 players, the rest of us were squad players," Lee said.

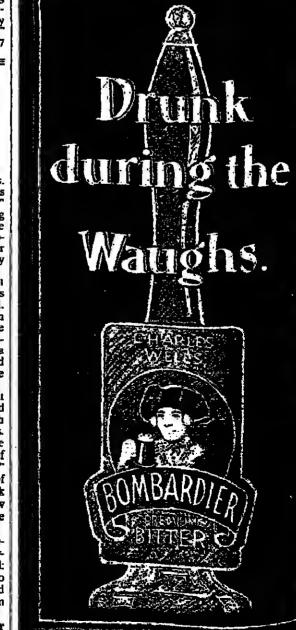
"It does help the spirit when everyone knows that if they are in form with their club and doing well at training they have a chance of playing. The mood here is as good as it would be at a club. Lee admitted, though, that England's preparations had

been had affected by the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. "You can't get away from it. The players talk about it and a lot of us watch it on TV in our rooms," he said. "It has been like one of your family dying, I don't think a lot of people realised how much it would affect them. The whole country is grieving."

Referring to the postponement of Newcastle's match at Liverpool last Sunday, he added: None of the players wanted to the game to go ahead. It would have been impossible to play then or on the day of the funeral." Scottish FA chief under

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